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RESECTION OF CÆCUM.

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The patient was a young woman of 21 years of age, and gave the following history: She had a grave attack of appendicitis, for which she was removed to the Western Hospital, and operated upon by Dr. Perrigo on the 27th May, 1892. A large abscess was found, walled in by recent adhesions, and evidences of beginning general peritonitis.

She made fair progress towards a recovery, and went home after a stay of 2 or 3 weeks in hospital. The incision, however, did not permanently close.

On June 24th, the sinus, which had ceased discharging some days previously, again discharged a quantity of pus and faecal material.

This condition of affairs continued, and was aggravated by a continual formation of abscess upon abscess in this region.

She rapidly lost weight, and several times appeared to be in the last straits of septicæmia. After a sojourn in the country in 1893 she appeared to gain slightly for a time.

For three years she was practically bedridden, and a nuisance to herself and those about her.

When seen on the 10th of March, 1895, her condition was pitiable. She weighed barely 100 pounds, very anæmic, and unable to eat or sleep.

Upon examining the abdomen, 7 discharging sinuses were found. Two of these were situated 3 inches behind the upper spinous process of the ilium, and of these one led 10 inches into the pelvis and the other joined the 3 sinuses in the scar left by operation. One sinus was situated below the groin fold, and appar-