

pain and tenderness in abdomen. There was but moderate elevation of temperature, the highest point reached being $99\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.

The patient gave the following history :—During her fifteenth year, for three months, at intervals of a month, she experienced severe cutting pains about the back and abdomen, shooting down the inner side of thighs, and causing her much suffering in the act of micturition. These lasted from three to four days, and then subsided. Towards the end of the third of these periods, a physician made an examination of the genitals, found some obstruction, and used his lancet upon “a tumor” in the passage, from which he removed a large quantity of blood in clots, after which the menstrual function became regularly established, the periods lasting about four days, and painless, until five months ago, having changed an out-door country life for that of housemaid in town, she began to experience pain and general discomfort with each period, which now became shorter, more frequent, and accompanied by diminished flow. The flux preceding that present upon entering Hospital had been unusually painful, and was followed by an offensive yellowish discharge for about ten days.

Having obtained these facts, an examination was attempted per vaginam, but owing to the tenderness of the parts was desisted from until the patient was put under ether on the 17th inst., when the vagina was found completely occluded by a firm membrane extending from the meatus to the perineum. At the lower part a small opening existed, through which a highly offensive purulent discharge had exit. The membrane was divided upon a director, and about twenty ounces of dirty greyish-yellow pus removed, after which the canal was washed out thoroughly with a warm, weak solution of carbolic acid. The os uteri was found patulous, cervix shortened, uterus of normal size and in proper position. Directions were given to have the vagina washed out twice daily with diluted carbolic acid, the parts kept separated in the interval by means of a tent of lint; the patient kept in bed upon tonic treatment with wine. After a week had passed the parts were found fully dilated and natural in appearance; edges of wound healed. Directions were given for a bougie to