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NOTES ON SOME PECULIAR PHASES IN APPENDICITIS.*

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FOR the purpose of jotting down a few notes on some of the peculiar phases of appendicitis I have gone over my list of cases and have picked out the salient points. It is not my intention to offer more than a few practical notes.

ETIOLOGY.

We are no nearer a conclusion as to the cause of appendicitis than we were some eight or ten years ago. The foreign body theory has been set aside by some authors. An effort has been made to find the origin of the disease in germs, but why germs should particularly pick out this vestigial structure is not explained by these theorists. Man, different from all animals except a few of the apes

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