

who was under chloroform, retched and the bowel was forced up through the wound, it was at once seized, transixed in the usual way with curved needles, opened and the edges attached to the skin, the rest of the wound closed by metallic sutures, and the patient removed to bed. The bowel appeared empty at first but before removal from the operating table she passed a full motion. This woman recovered from the operation without a bad symptom. At the end of two or three weeks the ulceration in the rectum had very greatly improved, but as cicatrisation advanced the calibre of the lower part of the gut was much diminishd. That portion of the bowel was washed out daily with a weak solution of carbolic acid. This contributed much to her comfort, and aided the healing of the sores. There was one condition in this woman, and which I deem was due to the size of the artificial opening. The bowel became prolapsed to the extent of several inches, so that it resembled a large sausage. The girl by working the abdominal muscles was enabled to draw in every part of the intestine, and would do so with remarkable rapidity, and as she affirmed without much pain. I endeavoured to remedy this condition by lessening the size of the opening but without success. The edge of the opening in the bowel towards its upper or most posterior part were pared with a knife and then brought together with sutures. This diminished the size of the opening, but it did not prevent the prolapsus. A well-fitting pad was made, but the patient was so wilful that she could not be made to wear it.

The second case was very similar in history and progress, but occurred in a much older woman. I am indebted to the House Surgeon J. D. Cline, B.A., M.D., for the following report:

*Colotomy in left Loin; fatal from Peritonitis; Autopsy; Mesocolon found.* By DR. FENWICK. Reported by J. D. CLINE, B.A., M.D., Assistant House-Surgeon, M.G.H.

Louise Pichet, æt. 48, was admitted into hospital on the 16th March, 1876. She was a stout, fair-haired French-Canadian woman. One was immediately struck by the anxious, distressed