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A CASE OF SUPPURATIVE PYLEPHLEBITIS WITH NO APPARENT CAUSE.

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C. M., male, aged 40, French-Canadian, married, temperate. Was born and had always lived in the Province of Quebec. Never had any illness, except diseases of childhood. Worked as quarryman in marble quarry. Came to me on Sept. 20, 1898, with following history and symptoms: Was suffering from cough, pain in right side in the infrascapular region and neuralgia of fifth nerve, following severe cold contracted one month previous while working in a marble quarry.

Examination of the lungs revealed nothing abnormal; temperature was normal; had an eruption on the right side of face and neck corresponding to course of the nerves and characteristic of herpes zoster. Came to the office again on Sept. 25: neuralgia and eruption on face and neck were better, cough the same, and still had the pain in infra-scapular region of right side, also some gastric disturbance present vomiting, coated iongue, etc., and spoke about having "spells of being very cold" (which I afterwards learned were distinct chills). I saw him again on Sept. 30, temperature was 101°, respiration rapid; was suffering from headache and severe vomiting, and abdomen was very tympanitic. I ordered him to bed, after which I saw him twice daily. From Oct. 1 to Oct. 5 his condition remained unchanged, had all the symptoms of septic trouble, chill