

to me by Dr. George Ross of this city for examination. The large belly had excited suspicion of pregnancy. Nothing definite as to duration of the enlargement. Her mistress thought about three or four months. It had rapidly increased. The symptoms were pain in the belly, absence of menses for four months, general weakness and wasting, poor appetite, and red tongue.

*Examination.*—Great enlargement of the belly; recent pink and old silvery striæ; well marked fluctuation and dull percussion over the whole anterior and antero-lateral abdomen. In the flanks and epigastrium, bowel note—the physical signs of ordinary ovarian cyst. The uterus projected forwards, lay just behind the pubes, and measured two inches. Fever of septic type, profuse sweating, and attacks of vomiting; a red blush and œdema of the centre of the front of the belly-wall soon appeared. The diagnosis was suppurating ovarian cyst, concurred in by Drs. Fenwick, Ross, Roddick, Shepherd and J. C. Cameron. Operation revealed encysted amber-colored fluid containing flakes, and in the last portions an obvious admixture of pus. No cyst-wall could be separated or identified. Drainage and irrigation. Immediate improvement maintained for ten days, then return of fever and all the bad symptoms. Fœtor of discharge from the tube. Sudden appearance of cough, with expectoration rapidly becoming purulent and then bloody. Death six weeks after operation. Autopsy by Dr. R. J. B. Howard revealed the following conditions:—

“ On opening abdomen a large globular mass presents, of the size of a man’s head, occupying false pelvis; this and the parietes are everywhere covered by a gray rough membrane about one-eighth of an inch thick. The transverse colon is firmly adherent to the upper surface, and is also bound tightly down to the liver. A collection of pus is found below and by the side of the spleen, and another, smaller, under left lobe of liver in middle line. The anterior peritoneal cavity is thus converted into a suppurating cyst, extending from liver down into true pelvis, nearly filled by the mass, which is found to consist of all the intestines, except the transverse colon, closely matted together by recent slight adhesions, which are studded with miliary