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**PYOPERICARDIUM FOLLOWING PLEURO-
PNEUMONIA—PERICARDIOTOMY—
RECOVERY.**

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The fact that but a few cases of purulent pericarditis, with its treatment by pericardiotomy are on record seems sufficient justification for placing the details of this case before you.

The following history of the case is condensed from the detailed daily record: The patient, Charles D., occupation; jeweler, aged 33 years, was first seen on April 12, 1897. The previous day he had been seized with chills and a severe pain at the lower part of the left thorax in front, which radiated towards the umbilicus. It continued to increase in severity, and was accompanied by cough and fever. Two months previous to this time he had suffered from an attack of La Grippe, from which he had fairly well recovered, except the cough, which continued off and on up to the time of the present attack. At the first examination the pain appeared to be in the region of the diaphragm on the left side, and diaphragmatic pleurisy was suspected. The pain was increased by coughing and by deep breathing. Pain was also complained of in the infraclavicular region, on front. Pulse was 120; respiration, 24; temperature, 103° F.

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