

Case 3rd, aged 24, married ; had had a slight hemorrhage after connection on one occasion ; varicocele large ; has not diminished in size, nor have symptoms abated since marriage, two years ago. Operation performed January 20th, 1883 ; recovery uninterrupted ; patient allowed about on the fourteenth day.

I had an opportunity of examining two of these cases some months after operation, and was pleased to find no trace of the varicocele, and there were none of the original symptoms present. For a month or more after the operation the patient should wear a suspensory bandage.

QUARTERLY RETROSPECT OF SURGERY.

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Recent Operations on the Intestines.—Operations on the intestines, formerly so rare, are now of common occurrence. They are called for in cases of strangulated hernia, producing a gangrenous condition of the bowel, in cases of artificial anus due to strangulated hernia, and in cases of intestinal obstruction due to various causes, as constricting bands, tumors, intussusception, &c. As long ago as 1727, Ramdohr successfully removed two feet of intestine found in an inguinal hernia, and up to 1846 only 11 cases of resection were on record, resulting in seven recoveries, one artificial anus, and three deaths. This operation was not performed again (*Medical News*, March 15, '84) until it was revived by Lücke in 1873, and during the last ten years it has been performed many times. The operation consists in relieving the constriction, and if the bowel be gangrenous, drawing it out of the opening, excising the damaged portion and the attached mesentery, and then sewing the cut ends of the gut together, thus re-establishing the continuity of the canal, and returning the parts to the abdominal cavity. Most of the fatal cases reported died of peritonitis. Out of 67 cases, 21 were complete cures, 2 recovered with artificial anus, and 44 (65–67