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TWO CASES OF REMOVAL OF THE GALL-BLADDER BY FINNEY'S METHOD.

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Recently while in conversation with Dr. J. M. T. Finney, Associate Professor of Surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital, that gentleman described to me an operation for disease of the gall-bladder, which he had been lately practising, and which he had given a description of before the Johns Hopkins Hospital Medical Society, when reporting some cases which he had operated on for colicystitis.

As the gall-bladder is known to have little or no use in the human system, it seems as rational to remove a diseased gall-bladder as it is to remove a diseased appendix.

Many operators have been in the habit of removing the gall-bladder in case of stone, where it has been found difficult to attach it to the peritoneum, and drain it in the usual way. In these operations the gall-bladder has been separated from the liver, the cystic duct traced down and ligated, and a gauze drain has been placed over the abraded area of the liver as well as one extending down to the stump of the duct. Frequently in these cases there has been a leak from the duct, forming a fistula, which took some time to close.

Dr. Finney, in his operation, leaves a flap on either side of the liver attachment of the gall-bladder, composed of the sero-muscular coats, sufficient when the two are approximated to completely cover up this abraded area. The stump, on the