

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

COLONECTOMY.

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F., aged 24, health excellent until about two years ago when he began to suffer from constipation. Becoming dissatisfied with aperients he was induced to take sterilized sand. He received a 2-lb. packet from a quack with instructions to take one tablespoonful after meals. Receiving no benefit from this amount, and with the assurance that it was perfectly harmless he increased the dose to three tablespoonsful with similar negative effect; the dose was increased until half a pound was taken in



twelve hours. No result was attained, and to quote the patient's own words "then my troubles began," and he commenced "the round of the doctors." The bowels at this time could be relieved only by enemata, pills having no effect. From the said quack, via the regular profession of an osteopath, through delays and washouts the patient was assured that all his troubles resulted from a lateral curvature. Two "treatments" assured him that he had met a genuine fakir, and in disgust he tried hydropathic methods, failure also greeted him there. Again, into the hands of the regular profession he had his abdomen opened in hopes of