the descending colon having a pouch-like enlargement, one inch in diameter, occupying the ordinary site of sigmoid flexure. This pouch was connected to the posterior part of fundus of bladder by a small tube, three-fourths of an inch in length, by about one-fourth inch in diameter, admitting a small probe one line in diameter, which passed readily from colon to bladder, but could not be passed from bladder to colon, as the vesical orifice was guarded by a fold of mucous membrane.

[The condition of the parts and subsequent observation having suggested absence of great portion of the rectum, and the dissection having proved this malformation to exist, would it not have been well, before abandoning the case, to consider the possibility of forming an artificial anus higher up ? Professor Gardner, of this city, has published a case where this procedure was successful. Indeed Holmes' rule is this : " If the parts of generation are very far back, the tuberosities of the ischia very near together, and the skin in the situation of the anus much depressed, it will become a serious question whether it would not be justifiable to resort to colotomy at once."—ED.]

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Case of Imperforate Hymen—Retention of Menses—Incision and complete relief.— Under the care of DR. MacCALLUM.

E. L., a strong, well-nourished Irish housemaid, entered Hospital January 3rd, 1880, complaining of severe, dragging pains in the back (sometimes going down to the thighs). Tenderness on pressure, and some pain about the lower part of abdomen ; loss of appetite and constipation. These symptoms were present since the beginning of her menstrual period, two days before. A sedative was given, together with a purgative, and rest in bed enjoined until an examination of the womb could be made per vaginam. A bloody discharge from the vagina was kept up for a week, and then replaced by one of a highly offensive purulent character, with no relief to pain in back and

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