

withdrawn, when the real difficulties of the case began. The adhesions were general and very strong to the omentum, intestines, and anterior walls of the abdomen, rendering it impossible to separate them by the hand or handle of a knife. In attempting to do so one or two of the cysts burst, their contents flowing about in all directions. So extremely strong were the adhesions in some places, that I cut off the portion of the sac that adhered to the omentum, intestines, or anterior wall, scraped its lining membrane, and left it still attached. After tedious and careful manipulation the whole of the adhesions were overcome, and the tumor removed; but the sac was so firmly united to the broad ligament on the left side, that at first we imagined that both ovaries were engaged. This, however, was not the case, although the adhesions were so vascular and strong on that side, but it was deemed expedient to secure the vessels by the application of a ligature. The pedicle was secured by a double whip cord ligature brought out at the lower angle of the wound. The abdominal cavity was well cleaned of any blood or contents of ruptured cysts which it contained, and then closed by fine long needles passed through the abdominal walls on both sides and secured in the usual manner with points of suture between each, long strips of adhesive plaster, and a bandage. The patient was then removed to bed, and two grains of opium in half an ounce of brandy was given, and ordered to be repeated in half quantities every hour until next seen by me. She did not bear the operation well, the chloroform was discontinued before the operation was half completed, and brandy substituted, of which she took from 8 to 10 ounces. She rallied towards evening, and at 9 p. m. was very comfortable—countenance calm and placid, breathing very easy, skin warm, no pain, no vomiting, pulse 132. Continue brandy and opium every two hours if not sleep. Catheter drew off a large quantity of healthy urine.

Friday, 1st June, 9 a.m. She has passed a very good night. Sleeping as calmly as a child. No pain, sickness, or vomiting; pulse 130, firm, tongue dry, thirst. The quantity of brandy was diminished during the night, as the skin became hot and dry; one-third of the quantity only was given.

8 p.m. Doing well. As the opium is producing its effects in a marked manner, half doses only are to be given. To have equal parts of milk and boiling water with the brandy, added at the time of giving it.