

them is that they are more fibroid than they ought to be—possess large tortuous vessels and thickened capsules. Evidently, therefore, the peritonitis has not started from the tubes or ovaries in this case.

With kind regards, yours sincerely,

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Careful search was made for volvulus and hernia, but nothing which could be taken for a cause was found. Thinking that perhaps a small perforation existed along the sigmoid or colon, I asked one of the House Physicians to inject water into the rectum. It entered freely, filled the colon and passed through into the ilium, but none escaped through into the peritoneal cavity. I was obliged to close the abdomen without determining the cause of the pathological condition present. No autopsy could be obtained. From the symptoms of obstruction which were present, and the history of severe pains following the administration of an enema after a previous confinement, I am inclined to think that in some way a volvulus of the sigmoid was produced by the enema which had untwisted, but not before some pyogenic micro-organisms had escaped into the peritoneal cavity. What it was—whether the bacillus coli or one of the proteus group, described by Hauser in 1885, or some other, I cannot say, as unfortunately none of the pus was saved for bacteriological examination.

Dr. Flexner, Associate in Pathology in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, describes in the April number of the *Johns Hopkins Bulletin*, a case of peritonitis occurring in a patient, the subject of chronic disease, thought to be due to the action of the proteus vulgaris. In the same paper Dr. Flexner says that “Foa and Bonome found in the blood and organs of a man dead of supposed hæmorrhagic infarction of the intestine and mesentery and thrombosis of the mesenteric vein, a bacillus which they identified as the proteus vulgaris.

CASE IV.—A patient of my own, was attended for me in my absence by Dr. Spendlove in June, 1892. It was her third confinement; labour easy and rapid; child living and healthy; recovery apparently perfect; no history of any tubal or ovarian trouble. Two months after confinement, while in apparent health and nursing the child, she was suddenly seized with a