

uneasy feeling commenced about the bowels and she began to complain of inability to pass water; her menses appeared also to-day. 10 p.m.—Dr. Howard had a catheter passed and about a pint of urine was withdrawn; considerable tympanitis.

January 22nd.—Had a motion during the night and passed urine at the same time; quite comfortable this morning; pulse, 82; wound is now suppurating freely; two more sutures removed and the carbolic dressing continued.

January 23rd, 10 a.m.—Begins to complain of pain in right inguinal region, with difficulty of micturition; pulse and temperature rose; pulse, 96; temperature, 101.2-5°. 9 p.m.—The retention disappeared towards night, but the pain in the bowels continued; gave an opiate and applied sinapisms.

January 24th.—Quite comfortable again; pulse, 80; no pain; slept well.

February 19th.—Wound continued gradually to improve; bowels regular; discharged cured.

*Strangulated Femoral Hernia of Three Days' Standing—Operation—Death.* By T. G. RODDICK, M.D., House-Surgeon Montreal General Hospital.

On the evening of Sunday, 20th April, I was hurriedly called to see a woman in St. Urbain street, who was represented by the messenger to be in a dying condition. On reaching the house I found that the priest had also been sent for and that no hopes of recovery were entertained by the numerous friends who crowded the house. On inquiry I made out that about mid-day of the Thursday previous the patient, a woman over sixty years of age, had been suddenly seized with agonizing pain in the abdomen, chiefly on the right side, followed immediately by vomiting, and accompanied with feeling of great prostration. She attributed these symptoms to a constipated condition of the bowels, and accordingly, towards evening, took a dose of castor oil. This, however, only added to her misery, for throughout that night and all the day following she vomited incessantly, the smallest draught of water or other fluid being ejected immediately on reaching the stomach. On Saturday morning she was advised to try a dose of Epsom Salts, which she contrived to keep down for a couple of hours, when it was also rejected. The pain, during this time, was rapidly diminishing until, by the evening of Saturday, there was simply an uneasiness remaining. Hitherto the matter vomited had been clear and watery, containing, of course, any food or medicine she may have taken; but, early on Sunday morning it