

**ERYTHEMA GANGRENOSUM.\***

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Mrs. W., aged 41.

*History.*—On December 24th, 1904, patient had an attack of appendicitis, and though pain was present for many weeks, she would not consent to an operation till February 22nd. Following the operation an intestinal obstruction developed, and, though not complete, was sufficient to cause great embarrassment and markedly inflated the intestinal tract proximal to the site of constriction. The operation for the relief of this condition was performed on April 2nd, when I found a fibrous band passing from the anterior abdominal wall near the site of the operation scar, to the right iliac fossa. This band, passing over the ascending colon, produced the obstruction referred to.

Patient's condition was uneventful till June, when marked disturbances of the nervous stability were observed, and prevailed through the two succeeding months. The extremely emotional nature and conspicuous mental depression were attended with suicidal attempts and many expressions indicating an aversion to living. Patient has been twice married, but has had no children. Her last marriage has been one of incompatibility of taste and temperament, involving, constantly, much mental agitation and depression. This condition, together with the nervous anxiety associated with five months' confinement to bed, must be regarded as the chief agencies contributing to the nerve exhaustion or instability, which are doubtless underlying causes, in hysteria. Prior to December, 1904, the health of patient has been good.

*History of Lesions.*—During the second week in August the patient presented herself, stating that her arm had been scratched by a rusty stove-pipe wire. Within three days of wound a large, black, gangrenous area appeared over the site of injury, which was on the outer aspect of the upper arm.

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