

Obviously, the chance of success in this attempt is measured by the probability of finding the intestine bound down by adhesions at the neck of the invagination. Until we have (what is wanting at present) an adequate number of careful observations on this point, we cannot form a definite opinion as to the chance of success; and the operation must under all circumstances, be looked upon as a desperate measure, and should be ventured upon only under the pressure of the most urgent necessity and on the clearest indication. But, given these necessary conditions, the surgeon will be amply justified in following Mr. Hutchinson's example; and he has laid the whole surgical profession under a debt by the judicious boldness with which he treated so formidable, indeed so inevitably fatal, a disease.—*British Medical Journal.*

On effects of Atmosphere in Cutaneous Affections. By
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There is a prejudice existing among the profession in London against sending patients to the seaside when suffering from eczema and some other skin complaints. This arises, no doubt, from common experience, though some more than others have partaken of it. Indeed, it is not uncommon to meet with patients who cut short their holiday and return to town with disgust. Instances of this, however piquant, need scarcely be given. The following I take from my note-book:—A. B., *Eczema*, presumably gouty.—“The seaside is sure to bring it on.” C. B., *Eczema manuum*, supposed to have come from drinking cold water when heated—“Only the seaside carries it away,”—so that I remain without a conclusion. Again, I see extensive and constitutional eczema, with or without asthmatic complication, in young people who return from the coast generally.