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ART. XX—*Case of severe obstruction of the bowels; concretion found in the appendix vermiformis.* By J. A. GRANT, M.D., attending Physician, General Protestant Hospital, Ottawa.

October 23rd, 1860, 6 p. m. I was called upon to visit Mr. Isaac Proud, aged 32 years, of rather spare habit of body, and suffering from a painful affection of his bowels. The attack commenced the previous night and was attended by pain of a deep seated nature, more particularly confined to the cæcal region, and increased slightly by firm pressure. To relieve these urgent symptoms a strong aperient was taken which in a few hours produced a copious evacuation from the bowels. Twelve hours afterwards I saw Mr. P. who became anxious owing to a severe return of the pain which continued with uninterrupted severity, associated with increased tenderness upon pressure, the tongue furred, the pulse 100 and full, skin hot, urine scanty and high coloured. The bowels not having been relieved for several hours, and the stomach having rejected both diet and medicine for the greater part of the day, I without any delay administered an aperient injection in warm gruel, and followed it shortly afterwards by Croton oil pills. Hot fomentations with turpentine were almost in constant use as applications to the abdominal parietes. These measures being persevered in for some hours without any relief, I abstracted twenty ounces of blood from the arm, and had recourse to a hip bath. During the following day leeches were applied over the abdomen at the seat of pain, and repeated injections of various descriptions administered, most reliance being placed on warm water sent copiously into the colon by means of Dr. O'Brien's rectal tube. These efforts were only followed by temporary relief. During the afternoon of the 24th, finding Mr. P. much worse, vomiting