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### IMPORT OF RELAXED ABDOMINAL WALLS IN DISEASE OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.

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Having spent considerable time during the past five years in the dissection of the normal pathological and comparative anatomy of the digestive system, together with fairly close observation of all cases of disease of these organs coming under my care during that time, I feel that the observations I shall present may be of some value as suggestions towards their more scientific treatment. I have purposely quoted considerably from well-known authorities, in order to show, by their own statements, although evidently not recognized by them, that at least the majority of diseases of these organs are dependent upon a simple mechanical derangement, the result of abnormal intra-abdominal pressure.

The natural sequence of events, reasoning analytically, not synthetically, I shall first state in order that we may the more readily follow the developments of the pathology.

We have then, 1st. Infection—as the exciting cause of pancreatitis, pancreatic calculi, cholecystitis, gall-stones, diseases of liver, gastric and duodenal catarrh and ulcers, etc.