

the liver, the patient dying on the twenty-first day. Lendon's patient was a woman, aged 21, suffering from wandering and hypertrophied spleen. She was very anæmic, and had had "indolent" ulcers of the legs for some years. On palpating the abdomen a large tumor was immediately felt; it had a fluctuant feel, was elongated vertically, and was very movable laterally, but seemed to occupy the right side of the abdomen more than the left; no notch or edge could be felt; its lower edge reached to the true pelvis. The diagnosis seemed to rest between a tumor springing from the pelvic organs, a renal tumor, a hydatid of the omentum, and a chronic abscess. At the operation the tumor was recognized as splenic by its blue-slate color; there were no adhesions; three notches could be felt on the left side, indicating that the organ had become rotated half a turn. The incision was enlarged to five inches,

and the spleen easily delivered from the abdominal cavity. The pedicle was of such a length that the operation could be completed entirely outside the abdominal cavity, but beyond the splenic vessels it consisted of nothing but a little fat, enclosed in the flimsy thin layers of gastro-splenic omentum. The main artery was first tied with No. 3 silk, then a pedicle was made nearer the spleen with stout silk; clamps were applied to the splenic side of the ligature, and the organ cut away; for additional safety, other fine ligatures were applied to the stump, which was then dropped back into the abdomen, and the wound closed and dressed in the usual way. The spleen and the blood contained in it weighed 40½ ozs., afterwards 11 ozs. by weight of blood drained out of it. The viscus was quite solid, and sections showed under the microscope that there was some degree, not a great degree, of fibrous over-growth.

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