

23.5 mm. in thickness. Weight of tumour with uterus is 1230 grammes; microscopically it is a simple myoma.

The interest of the case lies in the condition of the Fallopian tubes. They are much thickened in the first part of their course and are dilated at their outer extremity into large oval tumours from the distal end of which the fimbriae float free. On section, these tumours are seen to consist of a single thin walled cavity filled with thick greyish yellow pasty material—apparently inspissated pus—microscopically masses of granular debris, fat granules and globules, fatty and cholesterol crystals. On the right side, the tumour is much larger than on the left, and the undilated tube is thicker and shorter. The serous surfaces of both tubes are everywhere free from adhesions.

Sections from the cyst wall, from the uterine end of the tube, and from that part of it near the tumour were examined microscopically.

The wall of the cavity is thin and leathery and has a smooth inner surface. Microscopically it consists of a thin layer of muscular tissue lined by a laminated, almost homogenous matter, probably derived from the cyst contents. The mucosa and submucosa have entirely disappeared.

The uterine extremity of the tube shows catarrhal inflammation. The epithelium was almost entirely eroded and the submucosa infiltrated with small cells. Patches of small celled infiltration are scattered through the muscular coat. No giant cells or distinct evidence of tuberculosis were seen. The muscular coat was greatly hypertrophied, chiefly on the upper side of the tube, in a peculiarly centric manner, so that the lumen lies about one-fourth of the diameter above the lower surface. On staining for bacteria, none were seen, but the peculiar round bodies known as blastomycetes were apparent, staining with carbol-fuchsin. Near the mucosa the signs of inflammation were very slight; the lumen was much smaller than the uterine end, though still patent.

Interesting points in this specimen are :—

(1) The existence of pyosalpinx without any signs of inflammation of the surrounding parts, as shown by absence of adhesions, and the absence of any retraction of the fimbriae, common in inflammatory conditions of the tube.

(2) The combination of pyosalpinx with myoma. This is rare. Martin, of Berlin, in an analysis of 287 cases of tubal disease operated on by him found it three times.

(3) A minor point is the curious excentric hypertrophy of the tube. This is said to be a fairly common consequence of tubal stenosis beyond the point of hypertrophy.