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## Original Communications.

### HEMORRHAGIC PANCREATITIS.\*

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On November 30th, 1903, I was called about 10 p.m. to see a Mr B.—, aged 45. His family history was excellent. Personal history good.

He was formerly a merchant by occupation, but on account of gradually increasing obesity sold his business and bought a farm, thinking by this means to reduce his flesh, or, at least, to stop the increase. His habits were most excellent; he did not drink, and his previous history was good, except for his tendency to flesh, and a little indigestion at times, accompanied by little colicky pains now and then, and what he called "gaseous spells," especially after meals. He was a very hearty eater, in fact, too much so. He had no typical history of gall-stones, although there was a very slight tinge of yellow in his skin, otherwise he had always been a healthy, strong, robust man. One evening, about a week or ten days previous to November 30th, 1903, he attended a church entertainment, and something that one of the speakers (a Methodist minister) had said, suddenly dawned on him as particularly funny or ludicrous, and he suddenly burst out into hearty and uncontrollable laughter, in fact, so much so that the audience and I had a hearty laugh at his expense. When questioning him I remembered the incident, and asked him if he felt all right after it, and he told me that he had a good deal of pain after that, and passed a very restless and uncomfortable night, and that while feeling no great inconvenience the week following, he did not feel just as he thought he ought to.

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