

intense pain, and after fourteen hours it just as suddenly disappeared, leaving her quite well.

*History of Present Illness.*—During the forenoon of Thursday (16th) she was scrubbing very hard, lifting a heavy tub, &c., and about noon was seized with interior pain in the bowels, with constant vomiting and nausea. About 2 o'clock, while vomiting, the hernia again appeared, when the pain and vomiting increased. This condition of things lasted until the afternoon of Friday, 17th, when she was seen by Dr. Drake, but failing with the taxis without chloroform, she was ordered to the hospital, where she arrived at 7 p.m.

*Present Condition.*—On admission the vomiting still continued, but unaccompanied by pain. Dr. Howard saw her soon after and ordered her a hypodermic injection of morphia. He returned about 11 p.m. accompanied by Dr. Drake, with the intention of trying the taxis, or, if necessary, operating. Under chloroform, the former was found to be impossible, so the operation was decided on. The hernia had now lasted thirty-three hours. Pulse, 120.

*Operation.*—While under chloroform, Dr. Howard transfixed the skin and cellular tissue with a sharp-pointed bistowry in the long axis of the tumour, viz., obliquely from without inwards, and almost parallel to the position of Poupart's ligament. Carefully dissecting down on the director and finding he had not room, a short incision was made at right angles to the first. The sac was at length exposed and, on being opened, out flowed about 5ij. of serous fluid. The bowel was quite dark and congested, but could be returned with the greatest ease. There was little or no hæmorrhage. The edges of the wound were brought together with silver wire sutures, and the whole dressed with a large circular pad of lint, kept in situ by a strip of plaster and a flannel bandage. Pulse, 92. Ordered gruel and milk.

January 18th, 9 a.m.—Pulse 88, and regular; slept well without an opiate; free from all pain and uneasiness. Noon.—Dressings removed; all well. 10 p.m.—Pulse, 80; continues to take nourishment in small quantities; no inclination to vomit.

January 19th.—Still very comfortable; pulse, 80; no pain; slept well during night; dressing changed; wound looks admirable; carbolic acid lotion applied.

January 20th.—Bowels moved during night and this morning; some pain during the motion; dressing removed; wound commencing to suppurate; removed two sutures; pulse, 78; is very comfortable.

January 21st.—Was very well up to the afternoon, when an