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HYDROMETRA WITH ABSENCE OF THE VAGINA.

Atresia of the External Os; Surgical Operation; Recovery.

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In August, 1876, I was called to visit Miss H., aged 22 years, intelligent, well-formed and apparently healthy. I found her in bed labouring under retention of urine and suffering with severe paroxysmal pains like those of labor. The abdomen was enlarged equal in size to what it should be in about the fourth month of gestation.

I had not received a history of her case, and when proceeding to draw off the urine, I found the external genital organs deficient. The clitoris and meatus urinarius alone existed; there was a line where the labia should have been—nothing more—and the part was well covered with hair. The pains continued notwithstanding the relief of the bladder, and only yielded to the hypodermic injection of morphia.

She informed me that "every month" for about a year previous to my visit she had been subject to pain, more or less severe, which lasted between three and four days, during which time the breasts were swollen and tender and the bladder irritable;—that each succeeding month the pain increased in severity;—that she did not observe any enlargement of the figure until about six months before I saw her, and that except