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ON AN UNUSUAL CAUSE OF PERITYPHLITIS.

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Owing to the fact that perityphlitis, whether purulent or not, has come to be regarded as always due to ulceration of the vermiform appendix, the following observations seems worth putting on record:—

The patient was admitted to the General Hospital under the care of Dr. Wilkins and afterwards transferred to that of Dr. Molson, to both of whom I am indebted for kind permission to use the notes of the case.

John C., æt. 36, sailor, admitted June 7th, 1890, for severe diarrhœa with great tenesmus. Had a severe attack of dysentery (1) three years ago, while on a voyage to the West Indies. Since then has had occasional attacks of diarrhœa. Had severe constitutional syphilis following a primary sore five years ago. While in hospital the diarrhœa was characterized by frequent small liquid stools, accompanied always by great tenesmus and not yielding to the usual remedies. The possibility of intestinal syphilis was thought of and he was given iodide of potassium three times a day, in doses of ten grans, without effect, the remedy being then discontinued. After being over four months in hospital the patient died of exhaustion. Towards the close of the case the urine contained a moderate amount of albumen. It should be mentioned that a digital examination of the rectum failed to reveal any lesion. During the time he was under ob-