

ring. The inflammation had extended along the adjacent coils in the abdomen for a few inches. When slit across, the mucosa was intensely inflamed, of a deep, livid red color, and covered with closely adherent flakes of croupous exudation. The heart was fatty. There were no other changes of note.

CASE III.—In October, 1882, a strong, healthy, and well-developed French-Canadian, aged 22, came to hospital to see what could be done for an inguinal hernia, which had become strangulated, and had undergone spontaneous cure by sloughing through the skin of the groin. He had been working in a lumber shanty in Michigan in the previous winter, and while lifting produced a right inguinal hernia. Symptoms of strangulation supervened immediately, and as he was quite out of the reach of medical aid, he laid up in his shanty. An "abscess" formed and burst of itself, and he has since discharged all his fæces through this opening in the groin. He consulted a doctor as soon as he was able, but there was then nothing to be done except to devise a truss to retain the bowel and collect the fæces. When I saw him I had considerable difficulty in getting him to remove the pad, for he assured me that I had no idea of the mess it would make. And I certainly had not. When he removed the pad, the everted bowel rolled out in spite of him for, at least, many inches, and poured out a quantity of thin, semi-feculant matter, and he was obliged to lie down upon his back to get it returned, and even then he had difficulty. I advised him then that nothing could be done for him. I would now, I believe, with the light of subsequent experience, lay the matter fully before him, and advise that the opened portion of bowel (which was, I have no doubt, small intestine) be excised, the ends united and returned to the abdomen, and the artificial anus in the groin closed. Now, although the operation can scarcely be said to be a recognized one, especially in this country, the journals of late years record numerous cases, chiefly in Germany, but also in England and in America, in which it has been performed with very great success. For example, Prof. Czerny, in the *Berliner Klinische Wochenschrift* (45, 1880), reports three cases of intestinal resection,—in two cases, the removal