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A RARE FORM OF KIDNEY TUMOR.

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The subject of the present communication was a French-Canadian woman, aged 39 years. She was admitted to hospital on the 15th of September last (1890), suffering from an irregular fever, exhausting diarrhoea, and copious night sweats. She had also a tumor in the right lumbar region of the abdomen, which was thought to be in some way connected with her constitutional symptoms. Her family history showed a strongly marked tubercular tendency, having lost two brothers from phthisis; one sister still living is the subject of phthisis, and another sister died at the age of 25 years from some abdominal affection called "inflammation of the bowels."

Patient had been married at the age of 15 years, and was the mother of seven strong and healthy children, all living,—the eldest aged 23 years and the youngest 14 months. She had always been strong and healthy until the commencement of her present illness, which may be described in two stages. In 1886, while nursing a child four months old, she had all the symptoms of commencing pregnancy—(cessation of menstruation, morning vomiting, and the sensation of movements of the child). Shortly

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