

to make him peevish and child-like. Very trifling accidents would upset his equanimity, and he failed signally in the attempt to cope with matters of any moment. He was especially grieved at his failures. This state of mind had existed for probably two months before he was finally struck down, and would lead one to suppose that the atrophic softening had been gradually progressing, the current of blood not having been completely obstructed through the artery. The atheroma present would probably favour the view of a gradual formation of clot, as minute quantities of fibrine might be from time to time arrested and separated from the general current by little projections of this adventitious growth within the arteries. There were no vegetations present on the heart valves, or, in fact, any valvular disease to account for the presence of this clot on the principle of embolism proper.

The aphasia or aphemia present might be considered the most interesting, if not the most instructive feature in the case. The theory propounded by Broca respecting the function of the third left anterior convolution found an exception in this case, as the atrophy did not extend to that point in the hemisphere. It will be seen, also, in the report of the case, that the patient was educated to the use of his left hand entirely, wherein is also an exception to the theory that the left is the educated hemisphere and, consequently, the one to which the faculty of articulate language should properly belong. Certainly the views on this subject, as generally entertained at the present day, received no fresh light from the case here recorded.

*Case of Strangulated Femoral Hernia—Recovery.* Under the care of Dr. HOWARD. Reported by T. G. Roddick, M.D., House-Surgeon, Montreal General Hospital.

M. M., aged 41, was admitted into Montreal General Hospital on the evening of January 17th, 1873, under the care of Dr. Howard.

*Previous History.*—Is a medium-sized, wiry-looking woman, dark hair, the mother of nine children, the youngest being six years old. Has never been troubled with constipation, but bowels have been regular all her life. Eight years ago she received a kick in the back from her husband, which shook her greatly, and in four or five days after she noticed a swelling in the *left groin*, which must have come on gradually, and was accompanied by little or no pain. She positively asserts that it never went away entirely, but that there has always been a little swelling in the part. Two years since it suddenly became much larger, accompanied by vomiting and