

could not, and ordered him a suspensory bandage which relieved the pain. He again played football and again the pain returned, so he determined to enter hospital for operation.

On examination I found on left side of scrotum a couple of inches above the epididymis and reaching up to the inguinal canal a tense, hard swelling the size of a large olive. This was very tender and felt like a third testicle. The patient said on pressing it firmly all the sensations of pressing a testicle were produced. The external ring could be felt, but nothing but the cord was in it. No fluctuation could be felt. No impulse on coughing and no vomiting. He was put to bed and next day no trace of the swelling could be found, nor could it be made to reappear by coughing or straining or moving about. The boy then for the first time informed me that the swelling would not come on for some hours after he had been at work, and was only fully developed by the afternoon. I immediately concluded we had to deal with a tunicular sac with a small opening, through which fluid slowly percolated.

On May 17th I cut down and found a flask-shaped sac attached below to the tunica vaginalis, which over-lapped it, and ending above in a narrow neck which entered the internal ring. There appeared to be only a pin-hole connection between the peritoneal cavity and this sac, which was now empty. Spread over it behind was the spermatic cord and vessels. The sac was excised and the large rings closed with catgut sutures and the edges of the skin wound brought together with horse-hair. A rapid recovery took place, the wound healing by first intention. Since then the boy has been perfectly relieved of his pain and discomfort.

CASE III.—*Tumour of the left groin simulating hernia and due to a persistent canal of Nuck.*

Fanny W., *æt.* 2½ years, was brought to the Montreal General Hospital June 18th, 1895, suffering from a painful tumour in the left groin.

*History.*—When three months old she had whooping cough, and during this period the parents first noticed a small lump in the left groin near the pubic spine. This lump disappeared and reappeared at intervals. It was always seen after a crying fit.

On June 15th last the child fell from her carriage, and soon after the lump on the groin was found to be much larger and to remain so. It was tender on pressure.

When seen the child, which was a healthy female, presented a tumour the size of a small hen's egg in the left groin, commencing