

was enabled to take the breast easily. In the course of about two weeks the fluid had again accumulated, and the sac was as large as ever. I determined on passing a seton through it, as recommended by M. Marjolin, but that evening the sac burst of its own accord, since which time there has been no return of the trouble, and the mouth at the present time is quite free from any tumor. The object in introducing a seton is to excite suppurative inflammation and thus close the sac.

I am induced to report this case, as I believe it to be a rare disease and may be of interest to some of your readers.

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STAPHYLOMA OF THE CORNEA.

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The cornea is occasionally injured by ulcerative inflammation, and a tumor not unfrequently forms at the seat of mischief, causing much misery to the sufferer as well as materially damaging the personal appearance.

Mrs. M., about 30 years of age, native of Ireland, wife of a tavern-keeper in tolerably good circumstances, resident in Ontario and mother of several children, applied to me in February, 1870, having a bulging on her left cornea at the site of vision. The protuberance had a well-defined base, was larger than a large pea, obstructing the complete closure of the two eyelids and causing constant pain and lachrymation. Great pain was occasioned by exposure of the diseased eye to the light of the fire or a candle, the patient holding down her head and protecting her almost visionless eyeball with her hand. She could discern light but not readily, and for the purpose of vision the eye was obviously useless. Such was the state of matters at that time, and it had existed since 1867. The attack of inflammation from which the tumor took its rise, occurred about the middle of January, 1867.

With the aid of a cataract knife, scissors and forceps, the eyeball being steadied by a spring retractor, I completely removed the tumor, brought the eyelids together, and directed the patient to keep quiet for a few days. The operation was