

drawn. A small cyst gave way while it was being withdrawn, and the contents, of course, escaped into the abdominal cavity. The pedicle, which was flat and tolerably long, was then transfixed by a needle, armed with a strong double ligature (made of linen threads steeped in carbolic acid and waxed,) and each half tied firmly in an ordinary knot. The pedicle was then carefully divided about half an inch above the ligatures, and the tumour removed. The stump of the pedicle was then brushed with a concentrated solution of carbolic acid, the ends of the ligature cut off close to the knots, and the stump with its ligature dropped into the pelvis.

*A Second Tumour.*—A slight examination now showed that there was a remarkable fullness on the left side, and on searching among the intestines, a second tumour was discovered, as large as an adult's head, entirely free from adhesions, and attached by a short thin pedicle to the neighbourhood of the left broad ligament. The pedicle was transfixed, tied and treated in precisely the same way as the other, and the stump was in like manner, with its ligature, allowed to drop into the pelvis. The patient was now turned upon her face, to allow any fluid to run out, and the abdominal cavity was cautiously cleansed from blood and other fluids, with a sponge wrung out of a solution of carbolic acid. It now only remained to close the external wound, which was done with silver sutures passed through the whole thickness of the abdominal walls, care being taken to include the edges of the peritoneum. A piece of lint, soaked in carbolic lotion, was placed over the incision and covered with oiled silk. A thick pad of cotton batting and a flannel bandage completed the dressing, and the patient was put to bed, the operation having lasted exactly 45 minutes. The total weight of the tumour removed from the right side, including contents, was 25 pounds, while that from the left weighed 6 pounds, making a total of 31 pounds.

The ether acted most kindly throughout, keeping her thoroughly unconscious without producing any dangerous depression. The pulse, which was 122 at the commencement of the operation, was only 128 at its close.

Almost immediately after being placed in bed, she felt an urgent desire to go to stool, which continued until she passed a copious feculent evacuation about two hours after the operation, and which gave her much relief. She voided urine at the same time, and in a few minutes afterwards I passed up a suppository containing a grain of opium. In the course of the afternoon there were two more evacuations of the same character, after which, two grains of opium were administered by suppository. In the evening there were two more stools,