

cessfully, and the history of the former hemorrhages justified the extreme measures; but, as a routine practice, I think it a doubtful procedure.

Mayo Robson in his Hunterian Lectures gives the mortality in operative treatment as 64 per cent. as compared with 5 to 10 per cent. in cases treated medically. Still, every case has to be treated on its own merits.

*Gastro-enterostomy Combined with Gastro-Plication:* In cases of dilatation of the stomach, where medical treatment has been carried out for months or even years, and only affords temporary relief, the patient gradually losing weight and strength, gastro-enterostomy should be resorted to. One of the most interesting and satisfactory cases of the series was one of gastrectasia—an enlargement of the stomach with motor insufficiency. (Dr. B. F. Curtis, *Annals of Surgery*, July, 1900).

G.G., a tall and delicate-looking young man, 21 years of age, consulted me in July, 1900. For six years he followed the occupation of waiter; family history good; had measles when a youth, and four years ago was in a coach accident and rendered unconscious for twelve hours after. He was also severely bruised all over the front of the abdomen. A year later he began to be troubled with a feeling of fulness and a pain of a drawing, cramping character after food. The cramps at first would only come on after going to bed, and be relieved when the flatus—which caused terrible rumbling and noise in the stomach—came up. At first, there were intervals of two or three weeks between the attacks. He had a great thirst, and used to drink large quantities of fluid, a quart or more of milk or buttermilk at a time, and would often throw it up whilst still cold. Six months after the first onset of his symptoms vomiting came on and kept up for months, usually about twice a day—which always relieved the discomfort. The vomit was of a thick, frothy, mucous character, but there was never any trace of blood. When the vomiting ceased, it was followed by troublesome pyrosis. Always on waking in the morning he would be “blown up like a poisoned pup,” as he put it, with gas, but after walking about it dispersed; losing weight and strength gradually and continuously. He told me: “I have taken medicines all the time, both for my digestion and for my bowels, which have been very constipated; washed out my stomach for the last eight months, sometimes daily or every other day. At first I felt relief from it, but very little latterly. I could pour a gallon of warm water into it. I was very fond of ham, and would sometimes try a very thin slice of it; if the stomach retained it, pieces could be seen in the washings 24 or 36 hours later.” For the last year he had been obliged to restrict himself to milk and soups, and these would often come