

Internally, m. 20 of hydrarg. bichlor. 1 in 1000, were given four times a day, well diluted, but this treatment had to be discontinued at the end of a week on account of nausea. An inunction of ung. hydrarg. was then ordered.

At the time of discharge the sore was almost entirely healed. No other symptoms whatever developed.

(The statement made by the writer in the *Lancet*, which has been quoted by Dr. MacMurchy, is entirely misleading, if not incorrect. There is probably in all syphilitic patients, more or less fever, especially during the secondary stage, which is recognized in at least a fair proportion of cases. In syphilis contracted during pregnancy, as has been pointed out by Sigmund, Spiegelberg, Lusk, and others, there is a more rapid and severe development of the primary symptoms, while the secondary are usually very mild. It may be that fever during the primary stage in pregnant women is not uncommon.—A. H. W.)

HERNIA. TEN YEARS AFTER ABDOMINAL SECTION.

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Mrs. S., aged 78 years, stout, weight before trouble began about 150 pounds. Always strong and healthy up to about ten years ago, when she was operated upon for ovarian cyst, from which she made a good recovery. Incision for operation was made in linea alba. She first consulted me for palpitation and shortness of breath, in October, 1899. Again in December, 1900, when she suffered considerably from her heart (cardiac neurosis). In February, 1901, I attended her with pneumonia, from which she recovered. On June 5th, 1901, was called back again for her heart. I then found an irregular, dilated heart, extreme breathlessness, sleeplessness, sitting in chair all the time, some edema of ankles, considerably emaciated. From this date on the edema increased, and extended up into abdomen, with some peritoneal and pericardial effusion. Had to give morphine to relieve distress.

For a few days before July 28th she had felt better, and was able to be around. On the morning of the 28th she took a dose of mag. sulph., and about 3 p.m. went out to the water closet, and while sitting on the seat pressing to expel the feces, she put a hand on each side of the abdomen and pressed backward, downward and inward. While doing this something gave way, and she screamed and fainted. I was sent for at once, but as she lived six miles out in the country, it was over an hour before I arrived. I found her on a