

On examining the patient, a large, tense, smooth tumor, oval in shape, the size of one's closed fist, seen in the right inguinal region and extending into the scrotum; the tumor is dull on percussion. The testicle is below and external to the tumor and quite separate from it. The tumor could not be reduced, but is not tender.

*Operation.*—An incision about four inches long was made over the tumor, extending into the scrotum; the tumor was separated from the surrounding tissue, and it was noticed that the cord was not blended with it, but was to the inside and quite separate. The sac seemed to be isolated and to contain fluid below and omentum above; the latter could be seen moving on the sac with respiration.

As complication with the bladder was suspected, the sac was carefully opened over the contained omentum, and then it was found that there was a collection of fluid in a sac in front. On passing a sound into the bladder, it was seen that the inner and anterior wall of the sac was formed of that organ. The omentum, which was partly adherent, was tied off and cut away, and then the sac was carefully dissected from the protruding bladder. In this dissection the muscular coat of the bladder was wounded, but the bladder was not opened. After suturing the wounded bladder, the sac was tied off and the bladder reduced. The usual Bassini operation was performed and the wound closed with four chromic gut sutures, care being taken not to injure the bladder in passing the sutures. On careful examination the hernia seemed to be direct.

The patient recovered rapidly and had no drawbacks during convalescence; he could quite easily micturate now whilst lying down. He was discharged twenty-two days after operation quite well, and there has since been no return of his hernia.

This case was much complicated by the fact that there was a sac of fluid in front of the tumor, not communicating either with the hernial sac proper or with the bladder.

It is most important to recognize hernia of the bladder when operating for the radical cure of hernia, and there are certain points to which my attention has been directed in the cases I have met with which would enable one to avoid mis-