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TUBERCULOSIS TESTIS.*

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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN :—I beg to present to your notice two or three surgical cases of interest, the specimens of which I here show you.

The first specimen is a testicle removed for tuberculous disease on Nov. 15th, 1895. This patient had, when he came to me, a hydrocele of the right tunica vaginalis. There were two fistulous canals leading to the epididymus, which free drainage, swabbing with pure carbolic acid, curetting under anæsthesia, and gauze packing failed to heal. The left testicle was somewhat hardened, and I strongly advised its removal as well, but the patient, a married man thirty years of age, as strongly objected, and I acceded to his wishes. Just a few days ago I received a letter from him (he lives in New York State) in which he tells me his condition. He had no further trouble until nearly two years had elapsed, and from what he says I judge the left testicle is in much the same condition as the right when I removed it. I expect him to come for operation in a few days. In this case it would have been much better to have done a double orchidectomy at once. Note.—Operation on left testicle done Feb., 12th, 1898.

APPENDICITIS.

The second specimen is an appendix from a young man 23 years of age. He was a baggage man for the Grand Trunk Railway. Last April he was obliged to quit work on account of pain, confined chiefly to right iliac fossa, which at times radiated to the left side of the umbilicus. He lost weight to

* Read at the last meeting of the Simcoe Medical Society.