

offer partial torsion of the vessels bringing about the outflow of ascitic fluid. In our case the myoma rolled around so much that the omental vessels were partially twisted. This was undoubtedly the case, as is shown by the fact that there has been no further appearance of the ascitic fluid since removal of the myoma. Had this patient been in the possession of her mental faculties the diagnosis would have been fairly certain, as the family physician told me at the time of operation that he had first noticed a hard abdominal tumor attached to the uterus and that the ascites had developed subsequently.

Schwarzenbach<sup>1</sup> reports a most interesting case. The patient was 30 years old and the mother of six children. In 1896 she had a pelvic hemothecoele, with pronounced symptoms of internal hemorrhage. In 1897 a subperitoneal myoma the size of a child's head was detected. In 1899 she gave birth to a child, and in 1901 an exploratory abdominal section was made. Numerous arteries and veins springing in the vicinity of the stomach lay perfectly free in the abdomen, and passing downward spread out on the surface of the subperitoneal uterine tumor. Considerable ascitic fluid was present in the abdomen. The abdomen was closed, as the growth was thought to be malignant. The patient improved, and in 1902 the abdomen was again opened. The omentum, which at the first operation showed marked atrophy, had now entirely disappeared. The patient was two months pregnant. The large vessels were tied and the myoma was removed. The pregnancy was in no way disturbed. All trace of the pelvic hemothecoele had disappeared except for the presence of some pelvic adhesions.

It seems quite probable that the hemothecoele in this case was due to rupture of one of the omental vessels instead of to the rupture of a tubal pregnancy. This case has many points in common with ours.

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1. E. Schwarzenbach: *Eigenthümliche Entartung des an einem Uterusmyom adhärennten Netzes*, Beiträge zur Geburtshilfe und Gyn. Rudolf Chrobak. Aus Anlass seines sechzigsten Geburtstages. Gewidmet von seinen Schülern und Freunden, vol. 1, p. 220.