

## RADICAL CURE OF LARGE UMBILICAL HERNIA

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On the 18th day of January, 1898, Mrs. C. was admitted to Grace Hospital, seeking relief from a very painful condition caused by extensive ulceration in the skin and subcutaneous tissues, covering a large umbilical hernia of long standing. Patient fifty years of age. First noticed protrusion twenty years before. Nine years before, when hernial protrusion was the size of a large orange, she stated that she had consulted Dr. Bull, of New York, who advised against operative interference on the grounds that the extreme corpulency of the patient would render an operation not only very hazardous, but unlikely to result in permanent success. The photograph accompanying was taken just before the operation, after the patient had been three weeks in bed on a restricted diet, with active catharsis, which had reduced the size of the hernial protrusion by at least one half. When first admitted the coverings of the hernia were tense, with numerous ulcers over the surface varying from the size of a pea to that of a half dollar, due to pressure. These healed readily under treatment, and on the 27th day of January the following operation was performed for the radical cure of the hernia, assisted by Dr. G. P. Sylvester.



Hand Grasping Hernia.

An incision was made over the central portion of the mass, opening peritoneal covering. The omentum was found densely adherent to the peritoneum throughout the entire surface, and was separated with great difficulty, being also intimately adherent to the intestines, colon, and stomach, as well as to the parietal peritoneum. When the omentum was