

REMARKS ON A CASE OF PARANEPHRITIC ABSCESS,  
WITH RUPTURE INTO THE STOMACH.

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**Nephrolithiasis ; pyonephrosis ; para-nephritic and retroperitoneal abscess ; rupture into stomach ; gangrene of spleen and pancreas ; acute hepatitis and portal pylephlebitis ; acute suppurative colitis ; right acute parenchymatous nephritis ; left empyema and collapse of lung ; pure culture of B. coli from abscess.**

The case which I have an opportunity of recording, through the kindness of Prof. James Bell, presents several features of clinical interest, and in regard to its termination, namely discharge of a large para-nephritic abscess through the stomach, must be regarded as being of the greatest rarity, if not indeed absolutely unique.

Mrs. J. R., æt. 30, was admitted to Dr. Jas. Bell's wards at the Royal Victoria Hospital, on July 20th, 1897. Her illness began in May, 1896, with a dull aching pain in the left lumbar region which was felt into the left axilla, and was only relieved by assuming a dorsal or left lateral position. Prior to her admission there were one or two intermissions for a fortnight or so, but when present the pain was fairly constant. About June of 1897, she further began to suffer from an attack of sharp, continuous pain in the left groin, which lasted three days, being most marked at night. This was accompanied by nausea. A week later she had a similar attack, associated with fever and sweating, which lasted for a week. Between June 20th and 30th, she had five rigors with profuse sweating. For about a year the patient had noticed that her urine contained a white ropy sediment, and became thick and greenish. There was neither pain on micturition, frequent passage of urine, nor hæmaturia.

*Personal History.*—The patient had the usual diseases of childhood ; 12 years previously she suffered from pneumonia on the left side. In January, 1896, she gave birth to a child 3 weeks premature. Before delivery and after she had several convulsions. There was no history of renal colic.