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ARTIFICIAL ANUS CLOSED FIVE MONTHS AFTER COLOSTOMY — REPORT OF THE CASE.

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E. I., a bright and healthy looking lad, aged fifteen years, was admitted into the Surgical Ward of the Western Hospital on February 3, 1898. He comes with an artificial anus which he wishes, if possible, to have closed, and the normal relations of the bowel restored.

Family history is negative.

Personal History.—Patient never suffered from any illness of importance until the beginning of September, 1897, when he complained of headache and feeling out of sorts. On the 22nd day of September he was seized with severe pain in the left lumbar region, radiating over the abdomen. A physician was called in, who prescribed poultices and a dose of castor oil. The same evening he was taken to one of the city hospitals, where an operation for appendicitis was performed soon after admission. The usual lateral incision was made. On opening the abdomen the cæcum and appendix vermiformis were found to be normal. The incision was closed, and on further examination a tumor of considerable size was discovered blocking the rectum, and situated about four inches from the anus. The mass was considered as probably tubercular. A left iliac colostomy was then per-