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PATHOGENESIS OF SIMPLE GASTRIC AND DUODENAL ULCERS.*

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THIS specimen of a perforating duodenal ulcer was removed from the body of a man aged 57 years, a laborer by occupation. He was seized with a severe cramp (as he called it) in the bowels at 10 p.m., and in twenty-four hours was dead. Up to the time of his seizure he had enjoyed the best of health. He had suffered from no symptoms of indigestion, and had worked full time on the day preceding his death. There was absolutely nothing in the previous history to give a clue to the condition found post-mortem. The disease was essentially latent in character.

This paper is undertaken with the view of discussing briefly some of the theories which have been advanced to account for these ulcers, and

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