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1. A CASE OF FUSIFORM DILATATION OF THE OESOPHAGUS WITHOUT INTRINSIC STENOSIS
2. A CASE OF OESOPHAGOTOMY FOR FOREIGN BODY.—RECOVERY.

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THE case from whom the specimen which is the basis of this article was removed, was a farmer aged 35 years, referred to me by Dr. S. T. Rutherford of Listowel, to whose careful observation and clinical acumen I am indebted for the following history. The family history is free from taint of cancer. There is, however, a history of some degree of neurosis, particularly on the mother's side. The personal history is that of a strong, hearty, well-developed and well-proportioned man, a farmer by occupation and a very hard-working man. He was always in the habit of eating rapidly, and then going immediately to work. Until the age of about 30 years he experienced no trouble in swallowing and the history of difficulty in deglutition which follows, dates from December, 1896, when he first came under Dr. Rutherford's care. For a short time previously, he had noticed that he had occasional attacks of regurgitation of food and liquid after meals. This condition persisted with fluctuations in intensity for four or five years, gradually, however, becoming more marked. He noticed that the food which regurgitated was not sour in taste but somewhat sweet, apparently due to the fact that it had been acted upon by the saliva, but had not come in contact with the gastric juice. The eructation was not exactly an act of vomiting, but a gulping, regurgitating act. It would sometimes be accompanied by marked hiccough. He observed that on some occasions after partaking of a solid meal, the ingestion of a cup full of fluid, such as milk or tea, would carry the whole meal onwards to the stomach and thus obviate the regurgitation. This, in fact, was his habit of eating for many months. On the contrary, on some occasions the swallowing of the liquid seemed to stimulate or excite the act of regurgitation, and the whole meal would then be rejected. The latter condition gradually became more marked, until finally he found it