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### CASE OF ENTERO-UTERINE ANUS.\*

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Report of a case (with specimen) of an entero-uterine anus following an abortion, treated successfully by hysterectomy and resection of bowel.

Mrs. H., multipara, aged 41 years, was referred to me by Dr. Gowan, under whose care she had recently come, after having suffered for many weeks. I saw her on August 10th, 1909, in consultation with the doctor, at St. Michael's Hospital.

Late in May, or early in June, within the first or second month of pregnancy, she had an abortion, following which there developed an entero-uterine anus. Presumably the uterus was punctured during the induction of abortion or during later manipulations, and then the intestine was either dragged in through the opening or it herniated through. At any rate a few days later the fecal matter discharged from the uterus into the vagina, in its entirety, there being none whatever passed per rectum.

Meanwhile the patient presented signs of pelvic peritonitis and was very ill. Later the peritonitis subsided, but she gradually became emaciated. The discharge was of fluid consistence and so irritating that excoriation existed all over the perineum and half way down the inner sides of the thighs, making her distress nothing short of terrible.

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