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A CASE OF INFECTIVE CHOLEANGITIS WITH CHOLEANGIECTASIS

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The case here recorded is an example of the results of the severer form of infection of the Bile ducts, resulting rapidly in the death of the patient.

Infection of the Gall Bladder is not uncommon occurrence apart from the fact that the invasion of the Gall Bladder by Micro-organisms may be, and is possibly, the commonest cause of the formation of Gall Stones. Severe infection of the Gall Bladder occurs mainly in two conditions: (1) When Gall Stones are present; (2) When there has been a severe and prolonged infection of the Intestinal Tract.

There are cases which may be assumed as belonging to the latter category as the infection from the intestines is conveyed to the Gall Bladder without a prolonged intestinal infection. Similarly the infection need not seriously affect the Gall Bladder, but is observed mainly as affecting the bile duct and pancreas. The infection of the bile ducts which ensues (Choleangitis) is not uncommonly associated in this manner with an infective pancreatitis.