

The PRESIDENT here related a case of a man, aged 32 years, who for the last year and a half had had several attacks of appendicitis. Last January he suffered with "la grippe," and subsequently was seized with severe abdominal pains, which salines only partially relieved. Decided to operate, and after opening the abdomen found abscess cavity in right iliac fossa enclosed by knuckle of bowel. The appendix had sloughed off, and found to contain the raspberry seeds. No opening in bowel discovered. Patient made a good recovery.

*On Abdominal Section in Tubercle of the Peritoneum and Uterine Appendages.*—DR. W. GARDNER read the paper, a report of which is to be found on page 641.

*Discussion.*—DR. SMITH said that if the disease originated in the tube the prognosis was bad. He thought that the ingestion of tubercular food was a cause of tubercular peritonitis.

DR. JOHNSTON remarked that he had seen at autopsy tubercular peritonitis in which this was not the actual cause of death, and the person had apparently lived without any evidence of it.

DR. ALLOWAY said he thought Dr. Gardner was to be congratulated upon having been able to collect so many interesting cases of this rare disease. He did not think any surgeon had, up to the present time, published the complete histories of so many cases of tubercular peritonitis. He thought that it was a condition more prevalent than was generally considered, and that our knowledge upon this point was due to the rapid strides abdominal surgery had taken of late years. He also thought that many cases of severe pelvic inflammation and death following comparatively trivial operations upon the uterus without due care to antiseptic precautions were probably due to the lighting up of a latent tuberculosis in subjects predisposed by heredity to that disease. He was therefore exceedingly careful with so-called delicate women when he found it necessary to operate upon the uterus or vagina. Dr. Alloway related the case of a lady operated upon by the late Dr. J. M. Drake (dilating the uterus and applying nitric acid to the endometrium), where death took place on the fourteenth day after the operation from general peritonitis. At the autopsy the whole peritoneum was found studded with