

inches before any fluid was obtained, then between one and two quarts of the greenish fluid was removed, in spite of the fact that no fluid had been taken by the mouth for over twenty-four hours. The removal of the fluid gave great relief from the pain, the distention subsided and the condition improved. Atropine was given hypodermically and charcoal by mouth. At 10.30 p.m. patient again began to belch gas and feel uncomfortable and stomach tube was again passed and a smaller amount of gas and fluid removed. Patient was then given mag. sulph. by mouth, high turpentine enema and eserine salicylate hypodermically. Some flatus was passed, but no stool until after the administration of calomel the following day. From then on the patient made a good recovery. Temperature rose slightly immediately following operation, but fell in a few hours, and never again rose above normal. The wound healed nicely.

I am indebted to Dr. McGuffin, Calgary, for the privilege of reporting another case which occurred in his practice.

Mrs. A., aged thirty. Operated upon for a pustule. Ether was given by drop method and well taken; time of operation one hour. Patient came out of anaesthetic well and, apart from some temperature, was in good condition, making a very good recovery. On third day complained of a smothering feeling, pulse became rapid and weak, expression anxious and skin cyanosed; abdomen greatly distended, especially in epigastrium; superficial stitches gave away from distention; vomiting greenish fluid and belching large amount of gas. The gas would come away with an explosive sound that could be heard all over the hospital, and this would give relief. Patient would press on abdomen to aid expulsion of gas. A few hours later condition recurred until gas was again expelled, which gave relief, and this occurred several times, but eventually patient made a good recovery. I fear my powers of description do not give a good picture of this condition, as one has to see it to appreciate its severity. The nurse in charge when the attacks came on thought the patient was dying, so severe was the shock.