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ABSTRACT OF CLINICAL LECTURE
ON ABDOMINAL TUMORS,*Delivered at the Montreal General Hospital, April 16th, 1888,*

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GENTLEMEN,—For the interesting case before us I am indebted to my colleague Dr. Wilkins, under whose medical care she has been during the past two months. Her history is as follows :

“ A. B., aged 18, admitted to hospital Jan. 20th, 1888, cigar maker, nationality Irish, states that she is weak, dyspeptic, and suffers from palpitation; has pains in back: menstruation absent for past two months.

Feb. 2nd.—Noticed abdominal distension, with obstinate constipation during the past week.

Feb. 22nd.—Much distension and headache; some pain during abdominal palpation. Find it impossible to cause bowels to be evacuated with any drug except croton oil. This drug has to be given her every two or three days.

April 16th.—Examined by Dr. Alloway under ether. Previous to examination abdominal measurements were: At umbilicus, 33 inches; between umbilicus and pubis, 34½ inches.”

It rests with us now to find out what kind of tumor is giving rise to the abdominal enlargement in this girl. And to do this we must proceed carefully and in a methodical manner. She