

constituted by the neck of the sac, having been incised. This part of the sac had been somewhat detached from the fascia transversalis, and pushed inwards by the efforts at reduction by taxis, and a subserous space had been made, into which had the sac (here deprived of its natural support), given away, its contents might have slipped, and so, disappearing from the surface, there would have been a simulated reduction—the extruded viscera all the time lying outside the peritoneal cavity. The wound suppurated; he made a good recovery. The first stool was not passed until the tenth day after the operation.

*Case 3.—Strangulated Femoral Epiplocele—Herniotomy—Recovery.  
Six Months later, Symptoms requiring an Examination  
of a Knot in the Groin, which proved to be a  
Cystiform Distension of the Hernial Sac.*

The wife of a small tradesman, aged about thirty-five, long ruptured, who had worn a badly fitting truss, which sometimes allowed the rupture to slip down, was seized after breakfast, on August 7, 1871, with violent pain in the lower part of the belly, and tenderness and pain in the rupture, which were soon followed by retching. The rupture was found to be irreducible. Next day, when seen by Mr. Hulke with her medical attendant, the rupture formed a swelling of the size of a walnut, very painful, and so tender that she could not bear it to be touched. She still retched frequently. Her bowels had twice acted slightly since the accident. The taxis had been perseveringly tried; it was gently repeated under chloroform, and, reduction being impracticable, herniotomy was done. The sac was as thin as tissue-paper. It contained only a small piece of omentum, the reduction of which was prevented, after incision of the Gimbernat's ligament, by a little thread crossing its neck within the sac. The wound was dressed with an aqueous solution of sulphurous acid, and opium was given her. She recovered quickly.

On January 22 following she began to be troubled with pinching and griping in the belly, not, however, so severe