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CASE OF DERMOID OVARIAN CYST WITH TWISTED PEDICLE—OPERATION—RECOVERY.

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Mrs. S., aged 31, was admitted to the Montreal General Hospital under the care of my friend Dr. Molson, with symptoms of acute pelvic inflammation, and after a few days by him referred to me. In brief, her sexual and menstrual history is as follows: The catamenia appeared first at the age of 19. She has been married eight years; five pregnancies, four times to full term; one miscarriage. The last pregnancy proceeded to full term, terminating fourteen months previous to her present illness. The child was suckled ten months; menstruation returned in due time after weaning. Ever since the last birth she has suffered from pain in the left iliac region, where, four months ago, she first noticed a tumor. Three weeks previous to my first seeing her, after a walk she was seized with severe pelvic pain, vomiting, fever and retention of urine. These symptoms continued, latterly, however, with some abatement, till the time I first saw her. The tumor had meanwhile increased decidedly in size.

On examination, a thin-walled, distinctly fluctuating, intensely tender cyst of the size of a child's head was noticed projecting the lower part of the belly. Per vaginam, the uterus was enlarged, retroverted and fixed, with a tender swelling behind it.