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### THREE CASES OF ABSCESS OF THE LUNG TREATED.\*

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It is not my intention to bring before the society to-night a paper on abscess of the lung, but to present a patient on whom I have recently operated for this condition, and incidentally to refer to two other similar cases which I have previously treated by operation.

This patient whom I bring before you to-night was a strong rugged man, a farmer in New Brunswick, with excellent family and personal history, when he contracted pleuro-pneumonia in March, 1897. He was convalescent in two weeks, and gained rapidly for a month, when a troublesome cough developed. At the end of two more weeks he was examined by a physician, who told him that the lower lobe of the right lung was consolidated. As far as he is aware this condition never cleared up; the cough continued, and in July the expectoration was slightly tinged with blood. In October the cough grew worse, and he spit up at times large quantities of foul smelling pus, as much as a pint and a half per day. For a time these evacuations of pus were more or less intermittent, but gradually became of almost daily occurrence. At this time he suffered from perspirations and other septic symptoms. He lost 45 pounds during the first six months, but did not lose flesh afterwards. He had been obliged to remain constantly in bed, lying upon his right side from December of 1897. Whenever he assumed an erect posture or turned on his back, he was seized with a violent cough which necessitated his lying down again.

On admission to the Hospital in December the right side of the chest was prominent, expansion almost nil, except in the infra-clavicular

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