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FROM DR. HODDER'S CASE BOOK.

COMPLETE RUPTURE OF THE PERINEUM.

E. W., ÆT. 35 YRS.

Jan. 19th.—She is the mother of four children and during her last confinement the perineum was torn completely to the verge of the anus, and the sphincter muscle also torn across. The posterior wall of the vagina now protrudes and the uterus descends in consequence of want of support, and for the same reason, pessaries come down too far to afford much relief or are not retained.

Her general health suffers and she is unable to attend to her duties as cook, which the death of her husband obliges her to resort to for the support of her family.

She is desirous of undergoing an operation for the relief of the distressing symptoms under which she labors, and has been admitted into the hospital accordingly.

21st.—She complains much of weakness, but her pulse is not very feeble, still she looks ill and not in a fit state to undergo any operation at present. Bowels confined.

R. Pilul-Rhei Co.,..... grs. x. O.N.
vel alt nocte.

Quinæ disulph..... grs. xxiv.

Tinct. Ferri Mur..... ʒiv.

Aq. Menth. pip. ad.... ʒxij. M.

ʒj. ter die. Beer, 1 pint daily.

24th.—Doing well. Omit the beer.

30th.—Much stronger; improved in every way.

Whiskey ʒij., milk, 1 pint.

Feb. 11th.—Has a severe cold for the last three days, with bronchial congestion and cough. Omit the beef, potatoes and whiskey. Give bread, milk and rice.

R. Hyd. C. Creta..... grs. xv.

— Submur..... grs. ij.

Pulv. Ipecac. Ust..... grs. ix.

— Ipecac. Co..... grs. xij. M.

Ft. pulv., xij.—One powder every four hours.
Et. R.

Emp. Cantharid., 6x8 inches to be applied to the chest.

13th.—She is much easier; cough gone and respiration easy. Omit the powders and resume the tonic mixture to-morrow.

17th.—Strength improving. Mutton chop and potatoes; rice stopped.

19th.—Improving in every respect.

27th.—She expects the catamenia next week, which must pass away before the operation can be undertaken.

March 18th.—Baker Brown's operation performed. To have pulv. Opii gr. j. and to be repeated every three, four, or six hours, according to her condition.

19th.—She passed a bad night in consequence of the constant vomiting, and complains of severe pain. Pulse 96, soft, tongue whitish. Urine flows freely through the catheter into the urinal. Wound looking very well; no hemorrhage. The Liq. Opii Sed. with Hydrocyanic acid, was given in lieu of the opium to allay vomiting, but the opium in grain doses is to be commenced at once and repeated every two, four and six hours, according to circumstances.

21st.—Going on favourably, the vomiting ceased; urine freely secreted; bowels not moved; tongue clean and moist; no tenderness of abdomen, and the wound looking well, though pale in color. To have Tinct. Ferri mur., m, xx. ex. aq. menth. pip., three times a day; opium pill every six hours; beef tea, 1 lb., or a mutton chop.

22nd.—Much as yesterday, except that she expresses herself as feeling better. Removed two points of suture; union not very strong.

23rd.—On visiting her to-day, I found that the catheter had been removed by the patient.