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## *Original Contributions.*

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### INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION PRODUCED BY BANDS OF ADHESIONS.\*

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INTESTINAL obstruction produced by bands is to be met with frequently, and stands out prominently among other cases of this condition. In my experience I have met with the following cases presented for your consideration:

CASE 1.—Mrs. F., aged 24. Operated on July 20th, 1893, for double pyosalpinx and ovarian abscess. The operation was a difficult one owing to the adhesions present. The patient recovered from the immediate operation, and, two weeks later, began to show evidence of intestinal obstruction. There were cramp-like pains in the abdomen, apparent increased peristalsis, gradual increase of pulse without particular elevation of temperature and vomiting. The abdomen was reopened on the seventeenth day. The small intestines were found considerably distended. The large intestine was found obstructed by a band due to new adhesions that had taken place after the removal of the diseased organs. Broke down the adhesions and freed the bowel. The abdominal cavity was washed out, gauze packing was placed in the pelvis, and the patient made an uninterrupted recovery.

CASE 2.—Mrs. M. C., patient of Dr. Cuthbertson. A year and a half before I saw patient she had been operated on for an extra-uterine pregnancy. Convalescence was interrupted by what was supposed to be a hernatocele. Five months before I saw her she became pregnant. Tuesday, Feb. 11th, 1896, she was suddenly taken with severe pain in the abdomen accompanied by symptoms

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