

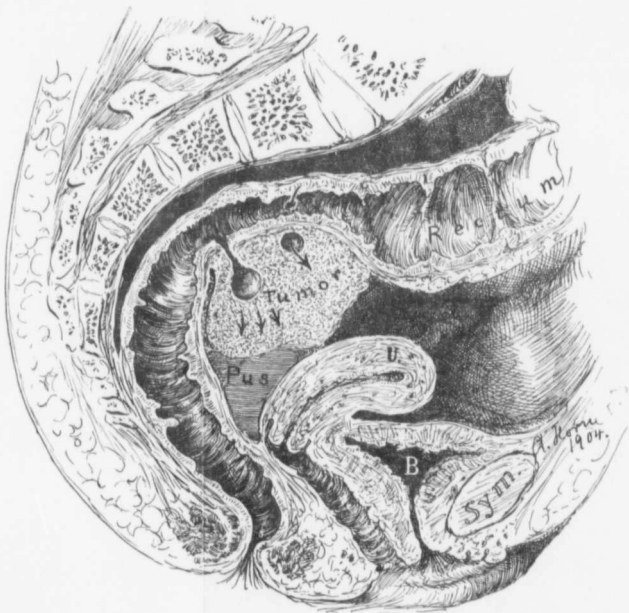


FIG. 3.—TUMOR OF THE SIGMOID FLEXURE DUE TO RUPTURE OF DIVERTICULA INTO THE SURROUNDING ADIPOSE TISSUE. SMALL PELVIC ABSCESS.

The lumen of the bowel below the promontory of the sacrum is considerably narrowed. At this point is a definite tumor made up of adipose tissue. Projecting into it are two diverticula, one seen in longitudinal, the other in cross section. At the point indicated by the three arrows the diverticulum has given way and its contents have percolated through fat. This fat on histological examination showed evidence of acute and chronic inflammation, thus accounting for the denseness of the tumor. Between the tumor and the pelvic floor is a small abscess.