

afternoon, and on Monday evening Dr. Wright removed the drainage tube, and there was no further trouble. She did not abort, but was delivered at full term of a healthy child. The appendix, which I here exhibit, will be seen to be doubled on itself so that its sides lie parallel and in direct contact.

CASE VI.—W. F., a young man 18 years of age, was sent to me by Dr. Hird, of Wallaceburgh. He had been ill a week, and as his condition was not alarming I gave him saline cathartics and secured a free evacuation of the bowels. From this time his pulse improved, his temperature fell and the pain was less severe. The hardness about the appendix however, remained, and at the end of the second week of the attack I operated. The lower end of the cecum was firmly bound down to the back of the abdominal cavity by firm adhesions, and while I succeeded in finding the distal end of the appendix I could not bring the whole organ into view. While holding the distal end of the appendix with one hand and trying to separate the adhesions that bound the other end and the cecum down, the whole organ, or what I thought was the whole, separated and came away in my fingers. Deeming it unsafe to make any effort to find the stump, lest in doing so fecal matter would be driven out of the cecum into the abdominal cavity I quickly pushed a strip of gauze down to the place where the appendix had separated, packed it firmly in place and leaving the gauze with which I had previously packed off the intestines in position with the ends projecting from the incision I partially closed the abdominal wound. At the end of thirty-six hours I removed the whole of the gauze packing and replaced only the piece that had been introduced down to the end of the cecum. The wound closed completely in a couple of weeks and recovery was perfect. Some of the remaining thirty-nine who recovered after operation presented interesting features, but not sufficiently so to merit a record of their history, because it would make this paper too long without any compensating advantage.