

Clinical Department.

A Case of Hematoma of the Ovary Simulating an Attack of Appendicitis. HAROLD W. WILSON, M.R.C.S. (ENG.), L.R.C.P.) (LOND), Senior House Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in *The Lancet*.

The patient, aged 19 years, an unmarried woman, was admitted into President ward, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Feb. 11th, 1905, under the care of Mr. H. J. Waring, complaining of abdominal pain and general malaise of two days' duration. She had been in her usual fair state of health up to Feb. 9th. In the afternoon of that day, while sitting at her work, she was seized with sudden colicky pain in the right iliac fossa which lasted for approximately ten minutes. Then the acuteness of the attack wore off, and she was left with a dull aching and a feeling of soreness in the same region, which remained until the date of her admission. This pain was severe and was made worse by direct pressure and by movement. She vomited once at the time of onset and once subsequently in the evening of the same day. She had been more constipated than usual during the preceding week; otherwise no further symptoms could be elicited. There were no history of any hemorrhage or discharge from the vagina, no pain on micturition, and no pain in the left iliac fossa. She had never had a similar previous attack and had never suffered from "indigestion" or from a purulent vaginal discharge. The catamenia had been regular every twenty-eight days and of average amount. There had been no pain. The last normal period occurred from Jan. 3rd to 6th and had since then been absent.

The patient was seen in the out-patient department and was immediately admitted. When examined in the ward she was lying comfortably in bed on her back with her right leg slightly drawn up. Her general condition was good. Although anemic she did not look actually ill. The tongue was furred and showed no signs of cleaning. The pulse was 112, regular, and of fair volume and tension; it gradually dropped to 94 on the second day after admission. The temperature was 98.2° F. and remained subnormal throughout. Nothing abnormal was discovered in the thorax. The breasts were not active. The movement of the abdomen was fair, but there was slight restriction in the lower part. No fulness was evident. There were considerable tenderness and muscular rigidity in the right iliac fossa, the most tender point being about two inches below the centre of a line drawn from the right anterior