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## Original Communications.

### CASE OF ACUTE YELLOW ATROPHY OF THE LIVER.

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Mrs. G., aged 51, widow, has had five children, is about medium height, inclined to corpulency, weighing about 200 pounds, has usually enjoyed good health with the exception of occasional attacks of biliousness or indigestion and symptoms referable to hepatic derangement; these attacks have occurred off and on for the last 22 years, never had jaundice, has never used alcohol, and there is no history of syphilis. Had la grippe during the second week of last month, and had a relapse about first of February. I saw her for the first time on the 13th of February, 1890. She complained of loss of appetite, nausea, headache, constipation and pain in the region of the liver; on percussion the liver dullness extended 3 inches in front, no stigmata on the face. About the 20th a

slight icteroid hue of the skin was observed, which became well marked jaundice by the 25th, with increased headache and a burning, pricking sensation in the skin, no pain complained of, bowels moved by purgatives.

March 7th—Jaundice more marked, the skin having a bronzed appearance and the conjunctivæ deeply tinged, an epistaxis had occurred the day previous, little tenderness over the liver—vertical dullness being only two inches. During the last three days, and five or six times daily, a rushing sound in the ears has been felt, followed by temporary deafness. Tongue is heavily coated in the centre, clean and smooth at the edges, hands and feet slightly œdematous; urine scanty and high colored, sp. gr. 1019, no albumen or sugar, loaded with bile pigment; skin dry, and temperature rises in the evening.

March 17.—Hue of skin the same, but less itching, no œdema, headache for three or four hours daily, and vomiting of a bitter, sour, yellowish liquid two or three times a day. No pain in the region of the liver, but a fullness complained of, food does not digest, but is vomited up sometimes twelve hours after; stools have the appearance of white marbles; temperature in a.m. 98½.

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