

better nor worse. I asked for a consultation and called in Dr. Dunfield. The doctor looked her over carefully and pronounced it typhoid. The symptoms of typhoid were there and became more marked every day till she began to recover. That case worried me at the time, as I thought I should have observed the typhoid symptoms sooner, and maybe I should have anticipated it. For I can assure you I have seen more than one case just like it since that time.

Case 3.—Many of you are already familiar with the outlines of this case. Mrs. G., aged 28, called at my office to consult me regarding a tumor in the left side and iliac fossæ. On examination I found a large, irregular lobulated and very movable tumor; could be slid over to right side, could be moved up, could be lifted apparently clear of the posterior walls of the abdomen. She told me it began a few months before (not as much as six months before), was a little sore at that time, and had grown very much since; was not larger than your fist when she first noticed it; had never laid her up. But a long walk or heavy day's work tired her out. I could not make much out from her history of it. I told her plainly from its rapid growth it looked as if it was malignant. But from its being so very movable I thought it could be removed. I had tumor on the brain just then, having removed two or three just before this. A day was fixed for operation, assistance secured, a room prepared with nurse on hand and the patient anæsthisied. On cutting down through the peritoneum, lo and behold, what did we find but a misplaced liver. It had taken a complete summersault. The left lobe was in the pelvis; the right lobe lay across the abdomen reaching above, and to the right of the umbilicus; the blood vessels and ducts were anterior to the organ and twisted on themselves. We at once backed out and closed up the abdomen.

I might relate scores of other cases of mistaken diagnosis. I have met in my practice some of my own and some of other medical practitioners as good, and some of them better all-round men than myself.