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PAPILLOMA OF THE OVARIES.*

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Papilloma of the ovaries is a disease affecting women from early life until adult age. It is a disease that stands between malignant disease and non-malignant disease. It is supposed to be non-malignant, from a clinical standpoint, until the capsule of the tumour has been burst through by the budding outwards of the papillæ. I have seen quite a number of these cases, but have never yet operated on one, or seen one operated on before the budding through the capsule had taken place. I have seen the growth recur after its removal and produce multiple malignant stricture of the intestine. I have seen large papilloma removed when I think it would have been wiser to have left them alone, and I have myself opened the abdomen, found papilloma in an advanced stage, and closed the wound without doing anything further. The two following cases were operated on when the disease was comparatively in its infancy. Drawings are given representing the appearance of the tumours after their removal.

Case 1. Miss G., aet. 24. Two years ago the patient missed three menstrual periods; menstruation since then had been regular. The flow continued for six days. Nothing in the family history was found bearing on this subject. The patient felt a pain in the right side nine months ago, and in December, 1893, noticed a lump in the abdomen. Lately she suffered from severe pain, but had not been confined to bed. Her face looked puffed. On examination of the urine, albumen was found. Her appearance was somewhat sallowish and pasty-looking.

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