

A REPORT OF TWO CASES OF SEPTICEMIA, SUCCESSFULLY TREATED WITH H₂ O₂ MEDICINAL.

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CASE 1.—Feb. 6, 1894, was called to see Homer B., aged 14, who had been ill with a swelling in right groin for three weeks. Had been treated with hot applications, etc., but during that time abscess continued to grow, and at the time that I first saw him fluctuation could easily be made out. Temperature 102.5° F. Pulse 120. Great emaciation. Constant vomiting. Daily chills followed by copious sweating, denoting pus absorption. Diagnosed appendicular abscess and advised operation. This was done same day under local anesthesia.

Much pus escaped, and several small portions of fecal matter, denoting an opening into the gut.

Temperature remained high, and sweats continued for three days following operation, indicating the presence of pus. I then began the use of Marchand's H₂ O₂ medicinal, (15 vol.) so as to destroy the pus and morbid element which were still there. I injected 4 oz. of H₂ O₂ with a glass syringe slowly, while patient was in the Trendelenberg position, and allowed it to remain about fifteen minutes. The boy was then lowered and laid upon his right side, when large quantities of pus, broken down tissue and gas flowed from wound. By gentle compression and massage of abdomen, much more was obtained. Large quantities of sterilized gauze were packed over the opening in right side.

The flushing out with H₂ O₂, etc., was repeated every twelve hours.

The improvement was prompt. Temperature reached normal, and remained so after forty-eight hours.

Wound was now washed out with the H₂ O₂ daily for four weeks, after which time the abdominal wound and fecal fistula were entirely healed. Patient has since developed into a full-grown laboring man, and has had no hernia nor any outward symptoms of his severe illness.

CASE 2.—March 2, 1897, was called to see George T., a farmer, aged 38 years, who had been in the care of a Christian Scientist for four weeks for a large swelling in right side. The treatment consisted in endeavoring to persuade the man that he was not ill, and insisting that he take active exercise. Found patient in recumbent position with knees flexed upon abdomen, and suffering intense pain over right side of abdomen, which was filled with a soft fluctuating mass. Temperature 103.8° F. Pulse 130. Opened abdomen under local anesthesia and evacuated three quarts of foul smelling pus.

Used 4 oz. H₂ O₂ full strength, slightly warmed, after pus