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SEROUS-MEMBRANE TUBERCULOSIS.*

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I find that the title of my paper is much too wide for the brief time allotted. I propose therefore to confine myself to relating to you the history of a case of tuberculous peritonitis treated by laparotomy; and supplement this by a few of the leading points regarding the operative treatment of this condition taken from such part of the literature of the subject as I have lately had access to.

Case of N. B.—The patient is a girl of 20—a twin. Farmer's daughter. Youngest one of a large healthy family singularly free from tuberculous diseases. Has never been robust but always healthy until present illness commenced seventeen months ago. About twenty-two months ago however she was thrown from a carriage and fell violently on her "stomach," to use her own words. She felt sore and bruised for some time over the abdomen and then seemingly recovered. Five months later then, she began to suffer shooting pains in the abdomen: they were regarded as neuralgic, and continued with intermissions until fifteen months ago, when an attack of so-called influenza with some fever and an exacerbation of the pains (which now involved the right upper chest as well) sent her to bed for three or four weeks. Again she pulled together and her general health seemed fair.

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