

physic at 6d. and 4d. a bottle, selling tooth-brushes, Windsor soap, etc., we, as members of respectable colleges, ought to be thankful that "we are not as other men," for if any one of us would wish to be otherwise his College laws restrain him, but the graduate does as he likes, and assumes too much in ignoring the privileges of members of the Colleges of Physicians, who by their diplomas possess a maximum of professional knowledge with perhaps a minimum of classical, which is exactly reversed with the graduates, most of whom are turned out with little practical knowledge.—*London Lancet.*

REDUCTION OF A STRANGULATED FEMORAL HERNIA AFTER THE USE OF ETHER SPRAY.

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As I am not aware of the following plan of treatment ever having been adopted in the reduction of an otherwise irreducible hernia, the following case may be of interest.

Mrs. J. D.—, aged eighty, has for the last three years been troubled with a femoral hernia on the right side, which has frequently come down, but which she has been in the habit of reducing herself. In February last I saw her for the first time, as she was then unable to reduce it. After applying taxis for a short time it went back, and I advised her to wear a truss, but as she felt no further inconvenience for the next five weeks she neglected this precaution. About three weeks ago, being troubled with a cough, the hernia readily came down, and was as easily replaced, but at 9 P.M. on April 15th it came down suddenly while she was sitting at supper, and caused her to feel very faint, and, as she said, it "felt quite different from what it had ever done before," and she was unable to reduce it. I was not sent for till 7.45 the next morning; when I found a hard swelling about the size of a large walnut lying over Poupert's ligament and to the outer side of the pubic spine; there was no impulse on coughing. I applied the taxis, but was

unable to reduce it. I ordered the application of ice, and returned about 11 A.M. The patient was then feeling very ill; vomiting had set in, but was not stercoraceous; the tongue was furred, and she complained of abdominal pain and great thirst; the pulse was quicker, very feeble, and intermittent; the bowels had not been moved, nor had she passed any flatus, though there was constant eructation. I again tried the taxis, and failed. At 1 P.M. I saw her in conjunction with a medical man in the neighborhood, and he, too, was unable to effect a reduction. I considered the advisability of putting her into a warm bath, but decided against it on account of the patient's age and condition. The alternate application of heat and cold was then tried, and I saw her again about 6 P.M., by which time the vomiting had become incessant and stercoraceous, and the abdominal pain and tenderness great. I advised an operation, but she would not hear of it. On seeing her again about 9 P.M., it occurred to me as a last resource, as the application of ice was often of great advantage, to try the ether spray, which I did, spraying the hernial humor till there was no tenderness on manipulation, and, to my great relief, I found I was then able to turn the mass quite easily. The patient passed a good night, and is now quite recovered. I might also add that for the last thirty years the patient has had a femoral hernia on the left side, but has always worn a truss, and has had no inconvenience from it. I should be interested to know if any of my readers have tried the above plan, and with what success.

HYDATID CYST IN SCARPA'S TRIANGLE.

In February, 1887, a man, aged 28, was admitted into the Hotel Dieu, under the care of M. Reclus. For two years he had noticed a swelling in Scarpa's triangle. It was hour-glass shaped, and measured over two inches in its vertical and one and a half in its transverse diameter. The two segments were of equal size; they superficially resembled enlarged lymphatic glands. The swelling fluctuated, was