

above the occlusion and a loop of small intestine which was scarcely constricted slipped back into the abdomen. The sac was ligatured off well within the internal ring and the conjoined tendon drawn over and sutured to Poupart's ligament. The patient made an uninterrupted recovery and was discharged on the 21st of March, exactly one month after admission. In spite of the history I think there can be no doubt but that this patient had suffered from hernia before, the most probable explanation being that he had outgrown a hernia of childhood, the sac of which had become obliterated at the external ring, and that the strain of the fall upon the ice protruded a portion of the abdominal contents into the neck of the sac, pushing it further down. The manipulations carried out for its reduction set up an inflammation in it, which rapidly went on to suppuration, possibly through the agency of the amœba coli.