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APPENDICITIS WITH SUPPURATIVE
PYLEPHLEBITIS.*

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On the 26th July last I was asked to see Mr. L. I found him sitting up reading, and obtained from him the following history.

He was thirty-three years of age. He had been perfectly well in every respect up to the evening of the 21st. He had dined between six and seven that day, and felt nauseated a short time after. About 8 or 9 p.m., he vomited freely, and almost immediately afterwards sharp diarrhoea took place. The vomiting and diarrhoea continued at intervals throughout the night. At 5 a.m. he had a rigor, followed by some very slight fever. During the day he was up, but did not go out of the house, as the nausea and diarrhoea continued, though much less than during the previous night. On the 23rd he was at business but was not himself. At 5 a.m., on the 24th, exactly two days from his former chill, he had a second one. During the 24th and 25th he was at business, but feeling quite miserable. On the 26th, at 5 a.m., he had a third chill.

Up to this time he had been living at the west point of the island, not far from the Lakeside Hospital, where he had been all summer,

and where he had spent his summers for several years. Instead of going to business this day (the 26th July), he came to his father's house on Beverleystreet, where I saw him. The diarrhoea and vomiting of his first day's illness had now ceased, and all that remained of it was slight nausea, and sometimes vomiting after each chill. He expressed himself then as feeling very comfortable, without any pain or ache, pulse normal, and temperature $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ of a degree above normal. He was eating and sleeping well and professed himself as well as usual, except for a slight tired feeling which he could not shake off. He said my being sent for was entirely his mother's doing, as he did not feel ill enough to think of calling in a physician.

The case seemed one of intermittent fever. He was living at the island, with a lagoon at the back-door; he had had three chills, forty-eight hours apart, followed by some slight fever, and then the skin became moist. I naturally gave him quin. sulph., and the amount was gr. v. every four hours. In addition he was given calomel, gr. x.

On the 28th and 30th July and 1st August, at exactly the same hour, 5 a.m., he had a chill. These chills were not mild ones by any means. From the patient's description, they may safely be called rigors. Vomiting or nausea followed every chill. The chills lasted from fifteen to thirty minutes. The hot stage varied from ten or fifteen minutes to an hour or two, and as I always saw him about 9 to 9:30 a.m., the skin was nearly always moist and comfortable. The

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