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FEMORAL HERNIA, RIGHT SIDE.

OPERATION AFTER NEARLY THREE DAYS' DELAY—RECOVERY.

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Gentlemen,—Thinking the notes of the following case may be of some interest to the members of this Association, I beg leave to present them for your consideration.

I was called at 2 o'clock a.m., on the 24th of Dec., 1882, to see an old lady who said she was suffering from "cramps." The pain was referred to her right groin, and upon examination I discovered a small tumor, which, after some manipulation, I diagnosed to be femoral hernia. As she was suffering severe pain I relieved her with a hypodermic injection, using one of Weyth's pellets of morphia and atropine, which I always carry. I then enquired into the history of the case, and set to work to return the hernia without the aid of chloroform, which I could not procure until daylight without trouble or delay.

The following is the story of the case:—Mrs. T., whose age is 57 years, is a native of Scotland, but has lived 12 years in Seaforth. She has had a rupture of her left side for 12 years, but never had anything wrong with the right side before. She is a heavy, fleshy woman, and upon the previous evening, about 10 o'clock, when going upstairs to bed, she was taken with severe pain in the right side, followed by vomiting, which lasted until relieved four hours afterwards as already stated. The temper-