

inches. The invaginated portion was eight inches in length, and was composed of the entire cæcum, a portion of the ascending colon, and a small part of the ileum. An examination of the surface of the intussusceptum showed that the obstacles to reduction were numerous adhesions between the opposed serous surfaces of the intussusceptum and intussusciens, which were forcibly separated during the disinvagination. On submitting the cæcum to a careful examination, it was evident that its interior was occupied by a tumor which appeared to involve the ileo-cæcal opening. The cæcum was therefore opened by a longitudinal incision, and examination of its interior by inspection and digital exploration revealed an ulcerating carcinoma, which occupied the entire ileo-cæcal valve, and had infiltrated a considerable portion of the cæcum. A similar incision was made into the ileum near its insertion into the cæcum, and digital examination through this opening proved that the carcinoma had diminished the size of the ileo-cæcal opening to the diameter of an ordinary lead pencil. Retro-peritoneal and mesenteric glands normal. As the invaginated portion of the colon had been considerably damaged during the reduction of the invagination, it was decided to remove it with the carcinomatous cæcum. Fæcal extravasation was prevented in the same manner as in the preceding case by digital compression of the intestine beyond the line of section. The meso-colon and meso-cæcum were ligated in small sections with fine silk before the parts were excised. The ileum was divided about three inches above its insertion into the cæcum, and the colon about eight inches below the ileo-cæcal valve. Both resected ends were turned inwards about an inch, and the invagination maintained by a few stitches of the continued suture, which embraced only the serous and muscular coats, and one of them also the invaginated mesentery. The continuity of the bowel was restored by an ileo-colostomy, with decalcified perforated bone plates, in the same manner as in the first case, only that in this instance the incision into the colon was made about six inches from its closed end, as the part below this, which had been the intussusciens, could not be trusted in doing its share of the work in establishing the intestinal anastomosis on account of the pathological

conditions which were produced during the time the invagination existed. The peritoneal lacerations which were made during the reduction of the invagination were closed with a few superficial sutures. Scarification of the serous surfaces which were to be included by the plates was done before the approximation sutures were tied, and a number of superficial sutures were applied outside the borders of the plates to aid these in maintaining apposition between a maximum area of serous surfaces. Through the mesentery of the closed resected ends, a suture was passed which was brought out through a button-hole made for drainage in the right iliac fossa, and after the intestine was dropped into the abdominal cavity the approximated portion was drawn into proper position in the ileo-cæcal region by making traction on the suture, and was anchored in this locality by tying the suture over a small roll of iodoform gauze. A rubber drain was inserted through the button-hole, and the abdominal incision closed in the usual manner by two rows of sutures. External dressing was composed of a compress of iodoform gauze and a thick layer of absorbent cotton, which was retained by wide strips of rubber plaster encircling two-thirds of the circumference of the body. Duration of the operation, an hour and a half. The patient reacted well from the immediate effects of the operation, and no untoward symptoms appeared until the end of the third day, when unmistakable symptoms of septic peritonitis developed suddenly, which rapidly increased in intensity as the inflammation became more diffuse. The dressings were now removed, and through the drainage opening pus was sought for, but no fluid could be found. Castor oil was given which procured free evacuation. The peritonitis proved fatal on the third day—six days after operation.

*Post mortem* four hours after death. Abdominal incision united throughout. Omentum displaced towards the right iliac region and adherent to intestines. Separation of the omental adhesions liberated about half a pint of sero-sanguinolent fluid from the right iliac region. A fibrino-plastic peritonitis, which had evidently started near the site of operation, was found to have become diffused from here over the lower portion of the peritoneal cavity, being especially well-marked in the right iliac region. Breaking