

came on. On these occasions the tumour increased much in size, and again subsided as the pain went away. The usual application was a mustard plaster and some ordinary sedative. Within the last year she has had three or four of these attacks, and five months ago she was obliged to wean the baby in consequence of the severity of her sufferings. With the exception of these attacks of pain she enjoys good health, although she has gradually lost flesh and strength. Her appetite continues good, she sleeps well, and the catamenia continue regular. The abdomen is not very much enlarged, being about the size it is at full term, measuring thirty-five inches round the umbilicus and thirty-four above the pubes, and one and a half more on left side from ant. sup. spinous process of ilium to umbilicus, than on the right. Two or three cysts appear to be enlarging rapidly, fluctuation being perceptible in them. Since Christmas it has grown rapidly, for at that period it did not reach the umbilicus, whereas, it is now nearly as high as the ensiform cartilago. There is no doubt as to its being a multilocular ovarian tumour, three distinct cysts existing, besides numerous small and hard ones. It can easily be moved from side to-side, showing but few, if any attachments. The uterus is normal, being very slightly larger than in the virgin state, and no pain is experienced in making the necessary examinations.

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A consultation having been called and an unanimous opinion given in favour of an operation by Drs. Beaumont and Bovell; in the presence of Drs. McKinnon and Baker, Army Medical Staff, and Drs. Agnow and Phillips, the operation was performed. Chloroform was given by Dr. Bovell, and she came easily under the influence of it. An incision about six inches long was made a little to the left of the linea alba, between the pubes and umbilicus, the peritonæum opened, and the whitish glistening tumour brought into view. It was, as suspected, multilocular, two very large cysts forming the bulk of the mass, while incumberable small cysts from the size of a pea to that of a walnut, gave the feeling above described. The largest cysts were tapped and several quarts of very viscid tenacious greenish fluid, as thick as honey flowed away. This fluid was glistening with cholesteroline. After the reduction in bulk by the emptying of the two large