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CHOLECYSTECTOMY.

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E. D., æt. 68 years, a widowed lady with good family history, was first seen by me six years and a half ago, when she fractured three ribs of the left side. About five years ago was attended by me for hepatic colic, which was relieved after the passage of gallstones. Enjoyed fair health till the commencement of the year, since when she had occasional attacks of pain in the region of the gall-bladder, always attended with vomiting.

About three months ago became jaundiced, suffered from incessant vomiting, and had great pain in the right hypochondrium. She was under continual medical supervision from that time till this date (Dec. 6th, 1889), when I was summoned by telegraph to Victoria to see her in consultation. The treatment up to this time had been confined to an endeavor to check the vomiting, which had resisted almost every anti-emetic in the pharmacopœia, and had now resolved itself into free administration of cocaine and morphia and peptonised injections per rectum, nothing being given by the mouth but ice and champagne. For weeks vomiting had been incessant, the fluid ejected being sometimes of a dark bilious character, at others a thick glairy mucus. No coffee grounds, no blood.

*Examination.*—Patient very emaciated; conjunctivæ and skin tinged with bile; urine loaded with bile. Pressure over stomach caused no pain. Liver dulness normal. Two inches below the ninth costal cartilage and to the right of the external