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CLINICAL NOTES OF A CASE OF CANCER OF THE ŒSOPHAGUS.*

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September 27th, 1894.—P. F., male, aged 50 years, no phthisical history, no cough, has been steadily losing flesh since May. In January, 1894, weighed 175 pounds, height 5 feet 5 inches; in June, 168 pounds; present weight, 145 pounds; color of face pale and sickly-looking. The lungs, heart and liver were normal, the urine was free from albumen or sugar. He complained of pain behind the ensiform cartilage, and on the left side and back over the region of the stomach. This pain was increased by taking food, and he found it difficult to swallow food unless fluids were taken at the same time. The difficulty in swallowing was felt after the food had gone down the gullet. I passed the tube of the stomach-pump, and found some obstruction just before entering the stomach. He vomited some acid semi-digested food through the tube, with much glary mucous. The vomiting gave a sense of relief. I dilated the stomach with carbonic acid gas, and on examination found the organ much enlarged. No tumor was discoverable. He slept badly owing to pain. He had been of alcoholic habits in former years. I prescribed gr. 10 bismuth subnitrate of lead, advised him to give up tobacco and alcohol, and ordered a diet of milk and lime water.

October 5th.—Passed stomach-tube and washed out the organ with warm water. Just where the œsophagus joins the stomach noticed a stricture. It

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