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A Case of Gastric-Enterostomy with Complications. T. J. CAREY
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The patient, a man aged 44 years, was admitted to the Royal Southern Hospital under the care of Mr. Newbolt on July 14th, 1907. The history he gave was as follows. For 18 months he had been suffering from indigestion. Pain of a very severe nature would come on two or three hours after meals and sometimes was so severe that he was actually doubled up with it. The pain started in the epigastrium, extended round the right side, and ended at a corresponding point behind. The patient had never vomited any blood nor had he noticed any in his stools. He had been during this time much troubled with hyperacidity and flatulence. All solid food brought on the pain, pastry in particular. A little hot milk or hot water eased the pain for the time being, but it would soon return. He had had some very severe attacks; on several occasions he had had to remain in bed, once for a week and another time for six weeks. He had been carefully dieted, but the pain still persisted and kept him from his work. A day's history is as follows: Supper would be partaken of at 8 p.m., and at 10 p.m. the patient would retire to bed. The pain would come on at about 11.30 p.m. and would awaken him. He would be forced to get up and to take some hot milk or hot water. He would fall asleep again until awakened once more by the pain in three or four hours' time, when he would have again to take some hot milk. This went on every night with painful regularity. He was in the medical wards of this hospital for six weeks and was much better when he left. It is only six weeks since he was discharged.

On examination the patient appeared to be in a fairly good condition and by no means thin and wasted. The heart, the lungs, and the nervous system were normal. There was slight tenderness over the epigastrium, otherwise nothing abnormal was to be detected. He weighed 10 stones. The specific gravity of the urine varied from 1015 to 1030 and albumin was absent. The quantity of urine voided in 24 hours varied from 40 to 55 ounces. Sugar was present, usually five grains to the ounce.