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A SERIES OF CASES OF STREPTOCOCCUS
INFECTION.

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I beg to submit the following very brief history of a series of cases of streptococcus infection which have recently come under my observation. The first case of the series was Mrs. H. Neill, aged 34, who was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital at 6 o'clock p.m. on the 8th of January, 1893, in a condition of great dyspnoea and partial stupor. There was a family history of tuberculosis. The patient had been confined on the first of January, being attended by a midwife. On the 4th of January she had a violent chill with suppression of the lochia, and on the fifth, cough and pain in the right side set in. On the 6th, she was first seen by a physician, who found evidences of acute peritonitis and pleurisy. On admission to the hospital on the 8th, she was found to be in a very desperate condition. Temp. 104°F. Pulse 140, weak and thready. Respiration 52. There was present dyspnoea with cyanosis and suppressed cough. Examination of the chest showed dulness with enfeebled breathing at both bases, but more marked on the right side. Dulness was also found in front on both sides. The abdomen was much distended and tender, especially over the hypogastrium, and the skin was covered with red erythematous rash.