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A CASE OF TUBERCULAR PERITONITIS WITH ENCYSTED COLLECTION OF FLUID, SIMULATING OVARIAN CYST.

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S. B., æt. 23, unmarried, domestic servant, belonging to a remote country district north of the Ottawa River, who had lived in the city during the previous six months, was sent to me about last midwinter by my friend Dr. George Ross for examination, as the suspicion of pregnancy had arisen in consequence of extensive abdominal enlargement. She admitted a pregnancy terminating at six or seven months a year and a half previous. She could give no definite account of the date at or about which the present abdominal enlargement began, but her mistress noticed it three or four months previous. It had rapidly increased since then. The girl complained of abdominal pain; menses had been absent for three or four months; general strength, health and appetite had declined, and she had become emaciated. The tongue was red.

Examination.—The belly much enlarged; the skin below the navel presenting recent pinkish striæ, as well as old silvery streaks. Well-marked fluctuation over the whole of the anterior and antero-lateral aspects of the abdomen. Dullness on percussion over the same area. In the lumbar region (flanks) and epigastrium the bowel note present. No firm or solid part