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ON A FATAL CASE OF ACUTE PERITONITIS
DUE TO ESCAPE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE GALL-BLADDER AND
PARTIAL EXTRUSION OF A MEDIUM-SIZED GALLSTONE.

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On the 22nd instant I was called to see, in consultation with Dr. F. E. Thompson, a young woman who was said to be dying. On my arrival I found that she had just expired. Enquiry elicited the following history. Mary D., æt. 27, masseuse, a native of France, was admitted to the Montreal General Hospital on the 14th of July, under care of Dr. Wilkins, suffering from acute peritonitis. She had been taken suddenly ill three days before admission with severe pain in the right hypochondrium. The symptoms were most marked, throughout, in the region of the liver, and careful examination of the cæcum and pelvic organs failed to discover anything abnormal. The patient stated that she had been subject to attacks of severe pain in the right hypochondrium from childhood. She had had, on an average, three or four such attacks every year, and each attack lasted usually three or four days. The last one prior to the present illness was about the 1st of May last. For a month past she had suffered from digestive disturbances. On the 19th of July she was removed from the hospital, contrary to advice, by her husband, who was a *masseur* and a "water-cure" crank. He proceeded with wet pack and massage treatment until the