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### APPENDICITIS.

TO CUT OR NOT TO CUT, THAT IS THE  
QUESTION!

The introduction of the use of anæsthetics and anti-septics in the practice of modern surgery has given the surgeons of our day an amount of success which in many cases has led to audacity. When a few years ago it was discovered that man was possessed of a useless little attachment called an appendix, the surgeon saw no reason why it should not be cut off, particularly as it had a fashion of taking up little foreign bodies on their passage through the system, and setting up in itself and surrounding tissues a disagreeable condition of inflammation. Cut it off said the surgeon, and thus get rid not only of the present, but of possible future trouble. And so for a time almost every case of appendicitis went to the operating table. But the fatal results were so marked that thoughtful physicians began to ask what was the need of so much surgery in a trouble which hitherto had been treated medicinally with most favorable results, and it was soon shown that homœopathic

physicians were treating the disease successfully with rare appeals to the necessity of the knife. Doctor Mitchell of Chicago, reported in illustration of this fact, his own experience. He had treated 92 cases, all of them successfully, only three of which were operated on. Some little time ago *Life*, New York's witty comic paper, took up the question with the view to showing the absurdity of so much "knifing" in the treatment of this trouble, and was promptly sat upon by the *New England Medical Journal* for its presumption. The following summing up by *Life* in its issue of March 10th shows how creditably the comic journal comes out in its discussion of this very serious question.

#### HOM. OR AL.

The *New England Medical Monthly*, in answer to a statement in *Life's* columns, asks:

By the way, does *Life* really know of any surgeon who removes the appendix on general principles?

*Life* does.

Dr. —, of New York, than whom no allopath in this city is oftener named in this connection, advocates the removal of the appendix from children when fifteen days old.

Dr. —, one of the most swollen of swell old-school doctors in this city, was recently operating before students. He was at work in the abdominal cavity. Coming to the appendix, he said: "This is of no use to the patient; it may be of harm. While we are here we might as well remove it, and insure against future trouble." It was perfectly healthy. He removed it.

Our esteemed contemporary then quotes us—for our demolition, of course: "The joke of it is that during all this reign of blood and terror the homœo-

paths, it appears, have been quietly treating it (appendicitis) medicinally, seldom operating and rarely losing a case."

Just how "rarely" is not stated, but we will supply the information by saying that the proportion of fatal cases under any sort of medical treatment has been shown to be something over 25 per cent. from causes which cannot be reached by medical treatment — concretions, tuberculosis, empyema, abscess, etc. The death rate of appendicitis under the best surgical treatment has been shown to be less than 1 per cent., or almost no death rate at all.

Lack of space prevents our indulgence in lengthy details, but we will mention one homœopath, who has practiced in this city twenty-five years, seeing his due share of appendicitis cases in his own practice, besides those brought to his notice by fellow practitioners— he being a surgeon with college and hospital standing. He has never lost a case and never failed to cure a case, whether primary or recurrent, with strict homœopathic prescribing.

Other veterans tell the same story. Occasionally, at very long intervals, a patient is lost. The percentage of deaths among these homœopaths is not 25 per cent.—one-quarter of 1 per cent would be a liberal estimate. We regret that our esteemed contemporary should "give away" the allopath in this thoughtless manner, but that 25 per cent. must refer to practice other than homœopathic.

By the way, where shall we tabulate the cases mentioned every day in the daily press of eminent men who are operated upon, and die in a day or two? Probably not included in the "less than 1 per cent."

While not the advocate of any school, *Life* is still unable to resist the belief that those who are really attached to their appendix—in any sense—will find the safest and most comfortable traveling on the homœopathic highway.

All the guide-posts point in that direction.

#### VISITORS FOR APRIL.

Lady visitors for the month: Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. A. R. Griffith.

#### A CRUSH OF ADVERTISING.

Owing to pressure of advertising a considerable amount of interesting reading matter has to be omitted from this number.

## MEASLES AND SCARLET FEVER.

### THEIR SYMPTOMS AND HOME TREATMENT.

Measles and scarlet fever have been the most prevalent diseases amongst children during the past month.

Measles usually commence with languor and drowsiness, a hard cough that is peculiarly distressing; the eyes are red, swollen and watery, there is sneezing and running from the nose; the fever increases in intensity. The eruption begins about the fourth day near the roots of the hair and on the face. This rash is in the form of small circular spots, slightly elevated above the surrounding skin. It is two or three days coming out and remains at least three days. With the disappearance of the rash the cough and fever should subside. Complications and secondary diseases of measles are sometimes serious, involving the lungs, eyes, ears, throat, glands, bones and skin. If there be any latent tubercular taint in the constitution it is very apt to be developed.

As soon as the initial symptoms are detected the child should be placed in a warm bed and kept free from draughts. Cool water may be given *ad libitum*. If vomiting should be present and persistent sips of hot water may allay the irritation of the stomach. Diet must be varied and nutritious. Milk is best; milk toast, broths, gruels, blanc-manges and similar dishes. Aconite in four pellet doses may be given every hour until the arrival of the doctor.

Scarlet fever develops much more rapidly than measles. The child may appear well at night and awake before morning with headache, sore throat and nausea or vomiting. Usually the child has been fretful and cross or tired and not caring to play for a few days previous. But the fever, sore throat and vomiting are the first prominent symptoms. Within from twenty-four to thirty-six hours after vomiting the rash should appear. It is first noticed on the face and neck or chest. It is a bright scarlet and is different from measles in that the latter is an eruption on the skin, while in scarlet fever it is of the skin. Measles is rough, gritty and sand-like to the touch; scarlet fever is smooth, glistening and shiny, having the color and semblance of a boiled lobster shell. The color disappears for an instant on pressure. The tongue is heavily coated at first but soon clears off very red with raised papillae, giving the peculiar strawberry appearance. The throat is very

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ore and swallowing is often difficult. About the fifth day the rash begins to decline and by about the eighth or ninth disappears entirely. Desquamation, or peeling off of the deceased skin covers a period of uncertain length. The skin comes off as a scurf or in moulded masses from the hands and feet. During this period extra precautions should be taken to properly disinfect the peeling skin and prevent the child from being chilled. The complications and secondary diseases of scarlet fever are exceedingly dangerous and far too frequent. The glands of the neck are sometimes enormously swollen; they may suppurate and cause abscesses. Inflammation of the ears will cause intense pain and often produce deafness. Rheumatism with contraction of the muscles is sometimes present and may cripple the child. Post-scarlatinal nephritis is better known as a form of Bright's disease. It is a very grave result and requires the most careful treatment. Meningites and diphtheria also complicate with fatal results in many cases. The disease is sometimes so malignant as to produce speedy blood poisoning.

In this disease no time should be lost in getting medical aid. Aconite or Belladonna in four pellet doses should meantime be given on the first symptoms. Isolate the patient in a separate room, which should be as free from furniture and carpets as possible. Admit plenty of fresh air. Sponge the body with tepid water, to which has been added acetic acid in proportion of one of acid to six of water. During desquamation anoint the body with carbolized vaseline. Diet must be mild. Milk either alone or with plain soda water, thin gruel, sago, arrowroot, grapes, oranges and cooked fruits if agreeable. Drink may consist of cold water, gum water, barley water, weak lemonade, etc. Return to more substantial food with caution. Never use stimulants except in rare cases of great malignancy. The necessity for which will be decided by the physician. The child must be isolated as long as any desquamation is present.

A. R. GRIFFITH, M.D.

#### THE EASTER SEASON.

Friends are asked to remember the sick in the Hospital when making their usual Easter donations of good things.

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#### AT HOME AND POUND PARTY.

The Woman's Auxiliary feels greatly encouraged by the response to the invitations sent out for the "At Home and Pound party" on March 13th, at the Hospital. The day was fine and the large number attending went away pleased and almost as heavily loaded as when they arrived.

Each guest on entering the room deposited the "pounds" on a table near the door. A visit was then made to Mrs. Hagar's cake table, where all kinds of cake were for sale. A good deal of curiosity was aroused over the "Scripture Cake" which was sold in slices with the recipe, and a good sale for Japanese, German and Italian cakes, cleared the table before the end of the afternoon.

Mrs. Von Rappard's candy table also proved an attractive place, and home-made candy in dainty baskets was in great demand. The Misses Hagan and Von Rappard assisted in the sale of these articles. Visitors were refreshed with tea and coffee and cake by Mrs. Hector Mackenzie, assisted by Mrs. Binks, Miss Smith, the Misses Sumner, Evans and Buchanan.

Miss Davis, the lady superintendent, and her corps of Nurses were on hand to see that visitors were conducted over the Hospital.

The President, Samuel Bell, and some of the Governors were also present and were kept busy answering questions and welcoming friends.

At the close of the afternoon there was a very substantial pile of all sorts of groceries and useful articles, from a pound of batting to a sack of flour, soap, fruit, cocoa, butter, and a book for a child was amongst the other things.

One little boy who could not be present himself, sent by a friend a dozen new laid eggs from his own hens and guaranteed their having been laid during the previous 24 hours.

Little "Hugh" handed in his pound of loaf sugar, a dainty of which he is fond, with the words "for the nurses to eat in their hands."

In another column will be found the treasurer's report of the money received.

#### PHILLIPS' TRAINING SCHOOL.

Graduation exercises will take place Monday, May 3rd. Particulars in daily papers.

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE MONTREAL HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.**

Treasurer's Report, for March 1897.

Dr.			
To cash on hand, March 1st	.....	\$264	35
" amount received from subscriptions	....	43	00
" " " " patients	.....	119	50
" " " " nurses fees	.....	15	00
" " " " dispensary	.....	4	77
" " " " Pound Party	.....	152	91
Total	.....	\$590	53
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By amount paid for wages	....	\$ 97	00
" " " " for supplies	....	134	34
" " " " laundry	....	53	11
" " " " furnishings	....	14	88
" " " " gas	.....	25	38
		\$324	71
" cash on hand March 31st	....	265	82
		\$590	53
Unpaid bills amounting to about	.....	\$582	34
Cash on hand	.....	265	82
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**POUND PARTY DONATIONS.**

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Montreal Homœopathic Hospital acknowledge with many thanks the following donations on the occasion of the Pound Party recently held for the benefit of that institution.

Hector Mackenzie, Esq., \$50.00; Alexander Clerk Esq., \$27.99; Mrs. Mackenzie, \$5.00 and cakes; Mrs. Twinning, \$5.00; Mrs. Foster, \$5.00; Mrs. Roswell Fisher, \$5.00; Lady Van Horne, \$5.00 and cakes; Miss Adeline Van Horne, \$5.00; Mrs. Evans, \$2.00, 1 cake and assorted cakes; Mrs. A. Fisher, \$2.00; Miss De Witt, \$2.00; A friend, \$2.00; Dr. Griffith, \$1.00; Mrs. Griffith, \$1.00 and home made soap; Miss Moodie, \$1.00, 50 lbs. sugar and bag flour; Mrs. Aspinwall Howe, \$1.00; Miss Aspinwall Howe, 1.00; M. D. W., 50; Unknown, 25; Mrs. A. Scott Robertson, 3 parcels groceries; Mrs. Henry Curtis, candy; An absent friend, 2 tins coffee, 2 tins biscuits; Mrs. Durnford, 5 lbs. sugar, cake; Mrs. Gaunt, 4 bags oatmeal; Mrs. Barnes, cake; Mrs. Therrien, 11 lbs. sugar, 2 parcels oranges; Detleiff, waxed paper, Mrs. S. M. Baylis, 4 tins corn, 4 tins tomatoes, 4 tins peas;

Miss Macculloch, 5 lbs. loaf sugar, 3 tins peas; Miss W. T. Childs, package tea; Miss M. C. Beasley, oranges and lemons; Mrs. F. E. Grafton, 5 parcels groceries; Mrs. W. H. Hagar, 2 cakes and quantity mixed cakes; Mrs. E. K. Greene, sugar; Walter Paul, coffee, eggs; Miss Alger, sugar, cake; Mrs. Warriner, cakes; Mrs. Gillespie, tea, raisins and cake; Mrs. J. T. Hagar, 7 cakes; Mrs. J. Baylis, 3 jars wild black currant jam, fish cakes, ginger-snaps; Miss Baylis, candy and cake; Mrs. Renaud, cake, sugar; Mrs. Garratt, oranges, sugar, tin of peas; Mrs. Hawkins, tea; Miss Rowbottom, coffee and sugar; Mrs. Von Rappard, cocoa and marmalade, candy; Mrs. Arnold, 3 packages groceries; Mrs. W. F. Brown, jelly and preserves; Mrs. Sutherland Taylor, preserves and candy; Mr. and Mrs. S. Bell, French prunes and Oswego biscuits; Mrs. E. Gnaedinger, 3 jars jam; Mrs. A. H. Thomson, rice, flour and tapioca; Miss Beasley, butter and eggs; Dr. Müller, cake; Mrs. S. M. Baylis, cake; Mrs. Ernest Sumner, candy; Mrs. Kearley, cake; Mrs. Robt. Hall, candy; Master Arthur Sumner, 12 cakes soap; Mrs. Moody, cake and tea; Mrs. John Cowans, sugar, tapioca and prunes; Miss Bancroft, coffee; Canon Evans, corn-starch; Miss Geddes, sugar; Mrs. H. Thomas, cocoa and cake; Miss Thornton, prunes; Mrs. N. O. Greene, candy; Mrs. F. Hagar, 4 packages groceries; Mrs. Heward, tea; Theodore Morgan, 12 new laid eggs; Miss Robertson, corn-starch; Mrs. James Hutton, cake; Miss Mathewson, figs; Mrs. Nichol, oranges and cake; Mrs. Wm. Nichol, Japanese tea cakes; Miss Buchanan, book; Miss Marjorie Binks, 4 boxes sardines; Miss Elsie McDougall, loaf of bread; Mrs. C. G. Jones, cake; Miss Adams, cake for nurses; Mrs. Dunlop, 2 packages groceries; Master Hugh Griffith, loaf sugar for nurses; Master Harold Griffith, oranges; Mrs. O'Connor, cocoa and tomato sauce; Mr. O'Connor, oranges; Mrs. Renshaw, 2 packages groceries; A Friend, candy; Mrs. Saxe, loaf sugar; Mrs. Parker, tea; Unknown, coffee; Friendly offering, rice and jam; Mrs. Benjamin, tin tomatoes; Friends, 3 packages groceries; Gracie Sumner,

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**BREAD MONEY.**

The indefatigable Woman's Auxiliary has instituted a new arrangement by which each member pledges 25 cents a month for the bread bill and pays it at the monthly auxiliary meetings. If unable to attend she sends it by some

friend. Those who have already joined the scheme hope that all the members who can will become partners with them in raising the "Bread Money."

**SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR MARCH.**

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Mrs. James McDougall .....	1 00
Anonymous .....	2 00

\$43 00

Special Subscriptions for Pound Party as per details in another column .....\$18 75

**OCTOBER SALE.**

The Woman's Auxiliary will hold early in October a Housekeepers Sale of preserves, pickles, marmalade, jelly, etc., if the co-operation of all the members can be secured, and take this means of bringing it to their notice. Each member can help the Hospital sale by putting up two or three, or a dozen pots in addition to her own supply, or of each kind she puts up she can set aside one for the sale, and they will be called for when the time comes for the sale and will amount to a goodly number before the end of the season. In addition to the preserves; bags, aprons, wash cloths or useful household articles can be made during the summer and sent to the sale in the fall.

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