

prepared in the usual way. An incision was made two inches long in the usual position over the swelling. About two ounces of sero-pus escaped when the peritoneal cavity was opened. A large, acutely-inflamed mass of omentum presented in the wound; it was almost gangrenous in appearance, and covered with thick flakes of lymph. This mass was drawn through the wound until healthy omentum appeared, when the pedicle was ligatured in small sections and the whole mass removed. The cæcum, which was attached to the under surface of the omental mass by recent adhesions, was carefully separated. After the removal of the inflamed omentum the appendix was discovered fairly easily. It was perforated about three-quarters of an inch from its free extremity. In the free extremity was a faecal concretion, exactly the size and shape of an ordinary cherry-stone. The appendix was amputated in the usual manner, a sleeve of peritoneum being drawn over the end of the stump, and a large tube inserted through the wound, which was closed with silk sutures.

For the first three days after the operation his condition was very grave, and he had extensive peritonitis, retention of urine, and marked intestinal distension. He has now completely recovered.

The above case is considered worthy of record and of interest on account of the condition of the omentum described.

A SIMPLE METHOD OF RECOLOURING THE DIVISIONS OF THE MERCURIAL INTRAMUSCULAR - INJECTION SYRINGE.

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To any one who is not gifted with hyper-acuteness of vision, it will be found extremely difficult to see with perfect exactitude the divisions on the barrel of the injection syringe when the red enamel wears off, which it very quickly does, and especially if turpentine in any form is used for cleaning purposes. To remedy this, the following simple procedure will be found useful. Thoroughly heat the barrel of the syringe in the flame of a spirit lamp, then rub the markings with a stick of sealing-wax, allow the wax to cool to the consistence of dough and scrape off with a knife. The wax will remain in the engraved divisions.

The marking will remain for quite a long time and can be easily renewed when required.

It will be found that white sealing-wax is the best colour to use for this purpose, the white colour showing up far better against the grey mercurial cream than either red or black.
