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DESCRIPTION OF PLATE I.

FIG. 1.—Appendix removed twenty-nine hours after commencement of attack. Gangrenous and perforated at the distal extremity. The dark body in the cavity at the tip is a fresh blood-clot resulting from the involvement of one of the branches of the appendicular artery in the gangrenous and perforating process. The appendix, in this case, was unusually free from surrounding inflammatory conditions, adhesions, etc. The perforation had taken place into the unprotected peritoneal cavity and a violent septic general peritonitis was under way. No foreign body, or even inspissated fecal matter was present.

FIG. 2.—Appendix removed twelve hours after the commencement of the attack. The appendicular artery in this case extended to the distal extremity of the organ before giving off any branches. It was then reflected in the submucosa, and gave off its branches in a direction toward the base of the organ. The vessel is seen to be occluded by a thrombostasis a short distance from its tip.

FIG. 3.—External surface of an appendix imbedded in inflammatory material and perforated about half an inch from its distal extremity.

FIG. 4.—The same appendix incised longitudinally, the line of incision crossing the point of perforation. The wall of the appendix is shown, thickened at its upper or proximal extremity and about five-eighths of an inch from the latter. A stenosis exists, the cavity beyond which had undergone some dilatation. The mucous membrane is seen to be gangrenous (green) and necrotic (yellowish-white) in spots. The larger perforation is shown in the broken line of the edge of the incised mucous membrane. Another and smaller perforation is present upon the opposite side and nearer the tip. This was a chronic relapsing case, operated upon in an acute relapse.

Plate I.



Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.

PLATE I. SHOWING THE METAMORPHOSES OF THE PUPA.

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