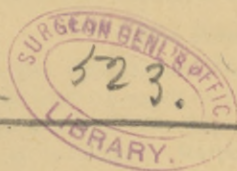


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NEW YORK, December 4, 1894.

To the Editor of the *New York Medical Journal*:

SIR: In connection with my paper on Intestinal Anastomosis, published in your journal of December 1st, there appeared a critical examination by Professor Murphy of the objections that I made to his button. Permit me to reply that Professor Murphy's remarks as to the retention of the button in cases of intestinal fistulæ do not apply to the particular case mentioned in my paper, as there was no fistula, and that the second operation terminated fatally was ample proof that there was danger.

The doctor's answer to the second point adds force to the objection and proves it to have been well taken, as it is obviously impracticable to submit all buttons for Dr. Murphy's inspection and approval.

The other objections made seem to be conceded by the inventor, as he has made no effort to answer them.

In collecting the cases of Maunsell's method of intestinal anastomosis it is regretted that a case reported by Dr. Parker Syms in the course of the discussion on the writer's case of Contusion and Rupture of the Ileum (*New York Medical Journal*, December 9, 1893, page 702) was overlooked.

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