

Crampy pains are not usually a feature of diverticulosis, owing to the absence of a muscular wall to the sacs. It is tempting to assume, therefore, that this symptom was due to Edwards' persistent peristalsis, and it is just as tempting to speculate whether the presence of small bowel and adherent omentum in the hernial sacs was not the irritant which promoted this persistent peristalsis. The presence of a slightly pathological gallbladder nearby has also got to be considered.

#### Summary.

1. Diagnosis and pathology are briefly discussed.
2. The main etiological factors are considered, and a possible additional factor suggested.
3. It is thought that relative to the overall frequency of diverticulosis of the jejunum, diverticulities, particularly of a mild degree, may not be so uncommon.
4. The presence of old-standing ventral herniæ with adhesions, or of slight gallbladder disease, is considered to have played a part in promoting the development of diverticulosis in this case.

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