

The First Operation.

The first operation in the new hospital was performed by Dr. Middleton last Saturday. The patient was Miss Emily Banks of Minersville and the operation was for appendicitis.

The disease was in the quiescent stage and the exterior appearance of the appendix caused the doctor a shade of uneasiness lest he should have made an error of diagnosis. The history of the case being so plain, however, it was decided to remove the appendix, which was done. On being dissected, the interior was found to be ulcerated, and to contain a part of a tooth-pick, which without doubt was responsible for the attack.

The case is a most interesting one to medical students, and it is doubtful if another such is to be found in the history of this peculiar disease.

The hospital now contains two patients, which are as many as the present accommodations will admit of, but work is being pushed on the upper floor and it will be placed in readiness as soon as possible, when it is believed there will be ample room for all probable requirements for a number of years.

It will take some little time for the people of Cedar City and the surrounding settlements to fully appreciate the advantage of having a hospital established here, with so competent a practitioner in charge.

