

# Tuesday, August 29

242 DAYS PAST

124 TO COME

## Danger of Purgatives in Appendicitis.

All surgeons have seen cases of acute appendicitis and peritonitis that had been made more serious by a purgative. The practice is an exhibition of poor judgment and irreconcilable with our knowledge of the pathology and clinical cause of these conditions. A purgative should never be given a patient with a belly-ache until the existence of appendicitis, perforations and some other less common disorders is positively eliminated. Cathartic pills are more deadly than the dreaded scalpel.—*Dr. C. Johnson; Tex. S. Journ. of Med.*

Weather

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