

ABSENCE OF ILEO-CÆCAL VALVE.

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THE specimen which I have the honour of exhibiting was removed from an abdomen which was undergoing dissection in the Medical School of the Catholic University. It consists of the termination of the ileum and the first six inches of the large intestine; it has been inflated and dried in the ordinary way, and an opening has been made in the anterior wall of the cæcum—through this it can be seen that the ileo-cæcal valve is entirely absent. The ileo-cæcal opening is almost perfectly round, with sharp, well-defined margins in its present dry condition; there is no trace of a valve. In such a case as this it would be easy to understand how an enema might be forced on through the ileo-cæcal orifice into the small intestine.