

not be given too hot, for he had seen serious symptoms follow the employment of very hot injections; peritonitis even had resulted from the injection of plain hot water.

DR. WM. GARDNER related an instance illustrating the dangers of vaginal injections with improper syringes. The case was that of a lady whom he attended during the past summer for a violent attack of pelvic peritonitis. She had been for some months suffering from pelvic symptoms, and on one occasion proceeded to take a vaginal injection with the ordinary syringe; but having mislaid the vaginal pipe, she used the rectal pipe with a single aperture at the end. The vagina was lax and the perineum and cervix lacerated. She had no sooner begun than she was seized with violent pelvic and abdominal pain, with symptoms of collapse, speedily followed by vomiting, fever, and all the other symptoms. She was in bed for four or five weeks, and was for a time in great danger. There can scarcely be a doubt that the water was forced directly into the uterine cavity through the open cervix.

DR. RODDICK said he was cognizant of not a few cases where serious results had followed the use of bichloride of mercury injections. He thought Condyl's Fluid a safer antiseptic. But best of all is hydronaphthal; it has germicidal qualities nearly equal to bichloride of mercury, but no odor or irritating qualities, and there is no danger of poisoning.

DR. MILLS thought that the untoward results sometimes following vaginal and uterine injections were to be explained through the impressions directly made on the nervous system as well as by absorption of the fluid used. This being the case, the good effects of the stimulant, given as Dr. Cameron recommended, prior to the injection were probably owing to its acting by lessening the susceptibility of the nerve centres to any sort of afferent impressions. He doubted whether the effect on the circulation was not rather favorable than otherwise to absorption. Dr. M. wished to know whether there was any exact evidence bearing out the belief that fluids were more readily absorbed from the vagina than the uterus after parturition. It is scarcely what would be expected.

DR. CAMERON, in reply, stated that the value of curetting, in