

either glass, rubber or gauze, because it was unnecessary. He took great care to have the bowels well prepared so that they were rarely seen during the operation, and never handled. He was a firm believer in the value of flushing or washing every coil of intestines with salt solution ; and he usually left from one quart to two gallons of it in the abdominal cavity to prevent adhesions and to satisfy thirst, as well as to wash out the kidneys, as it was rapidly absorbed, strengthening the pulse and preventing the distressing aching all over the body. In emptying very large tumors he always left about two gallons of salt solution to support the abdominal veins. He never used iodoform because of its smell, its cost and danger of poisoning, several cases of fatal poisoning having been reported here and elsewhere. He used nothing for disinfecting except permanganate, oxalic and bichloride, consequently there was no hospital odour. In eight cases the vermiform appendix was firmly adherent to the right tube. He laid great stress on the method of removing the appendix even with the cæcum, and then closing the hole in the bowel as you would a bullet hole with two rows of Lembert sutures, instead of leaving a stump. He knew of several cases in the practice of other surgeons in which the leaving of a stump had caused a troublesome fistula. He hoped that this suggestion would be generally adopted by those who were doing this life-saving operation more often than he, and he offered it as a small contribution towards the improvement of the technique of the operation.

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## THE SECTION OF PSYCHOLOGY.

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*Mental Evolution in Man.*—About sixty years ago now, in the time of the Millerite excitement, a man who believed that the world was about to end expressed his fears to Emerson, who replied that it was really a matter of little consequence, “for,” said he, “we can do very well without it.” There are wise men who teach that each man creates the world he lives in, and as he gives in its substance so also does he give in it its quality, insomuch that it is good or bad as he is good or bad. Be this as it may, it is certain that each one of us is of more consequence to himself than is all the outside world, be it