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A REPORT OF TWENTY CASES OF SHORTENING  
THE ROUND LIGAMENTS AT THE EXTERNAL  
INGUINAL OPENING IN THE TREATMENT OF  
RETRODISPLACEMENT OF THE UTERUS.

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The subject of treatment of retroposition of the uterus has always been an unsatisfactory one to gynæcologists. It is needless to say that supports of every conceivable form have been devised, and have occupied the attention of the profession for years past, without any substantial benefit to patients. So that, under this unsatisfactory state of things concerning the subject, it was thought justifiable to remedy the condition in question by some direct surgical means. Dr. Alexander of Liverpool was amongst the first, some seven or eight years ago, to carry into practice the shortening of the round ligaments by cutting down upon the external inguinal ring, taking up the ligaments, suturing them to the wound, and cutting off the slack. As the wound healed the ligaments united with the tissues in their shortened condition and retained the uterus in its normal forward inclination.

It is not my intention to enter into the question of priority of the various claimants to originality in suggesting this operation, nor to the methods of performing it, as much has of late years been written upon these points by myself and others; but I wish, in this short report, to bring to your notice some of the main