

*The Significance of Vaginal Discharges.*—A leucorrhœa, inodorous or of mild odour, persisting during the climacteric, accompanied by increasing hæmorrhage, is suspicious, and demands investigation. A leucorrhœa, profuse, of peculiarly fetid odour, grumous, excoriating, appearing early or late during the climacteric, with profuse hæmorrhage, is reasonable evidence of cancer of the cervix. A leucorrhœa, moderate in amount, ill smelling (the peculiarly fetid odour of cancer of the cervix being absent), accompanied by hæmorrhage, suggests cancer of the corpus uteri. A leucorrhœal discharge, with hæmorrhage containing material like the washings of meat, is said to indicate sarcoma. A watery discharge, as a rule occurring during menstruation, odourless, or of little odour, persisting, accompanied by profuse hæmorrhage, indicates fibroids; with little or no hæmorrhage, polypi. Profuse bloody discharges coming on gradually with declining menstruation, ceasing usually with the menstrual flow, point to fibroids. Persistent profuse discharges of blood occurring spontaneously, arising from sudden exercise or coition, occurring as a rule after the menopause, indicate cancer. A gradually increasing amount of menstrual flow is suspicious, and needs investigation. Postclimacteric hæmorrhage in a fibroma of the uterus of long standing forms one of the principal grounds for the suspicion of sarcoma (Borner). The early recognition of malignant disease is demanded, and possible prevention of the fatal exhaustion which accompanies it by the administration of drugs, and the application of those methods which in a measure may be supposed to offset the terrific drain on the nervous system. Inasmuch as present experience shows that every removal of diseased tissue prolongs life, the importance of early diagnosis and treatment can hardly be over-estimated.

*Vaginal Hysterectomy and High Amputation in Carcinoma Uteri.*—TIPJAKOFF'S statistics are very good. (*Centralblatt für Gynäkol.*, 1892, No. 43.) In 50 cases of malignant disease of the uterus treated during the years 1891 and 1892, he performed simple amputation of the cervix 5 times, high amputation 25 times, and vaginal hysterectomy 20 times with-