

would be the lesser of the two evils, and it would be very likely to occur anyhow before the termination of pregnancy, with the uterus in this condition. Even though the pregnancy did go on to full term, it is more than likely that the child could not be born naturally with this condition of affairs. To summarize, I would enunciate the general rule, that whenever the question of surgical operation presents itself in connection with a pregnant woman, if it be possible, without jeopardizing the safety of the patient, I would postpone it till after labor, but if the case be of such a nature as to threaten life, or if delay would prejudice the ultimate chances of a woman for recovery, then I would not hesitate to operate.—*Medical Age*, May, 1886.

Gonorrhoeal Rheumatism.—Loeb is of opinion that gonorrhœa is only complicated by rheumatism in those cases in which the gonorrhœal process has attacked the hinder portions of the urethra, and in favor of this view he adduces the two facts, first, that the rheumatic symptoms never occur in the early stages of the gonorrhœa, and, secondly, that in the great majority of cases the rheumatism is never seen at all during the first attack, but only after subsequent attacks, when the posterior parts of the urethra are almost certain to be involved. As to the disputed point whether the rheumatism is to be considered as a disease *sui generis*, or as merely an ordinary rheumatic inflammation of the joints, predisposed by the gonorrhœal infection, he comes to the conclusion that *polyarthrititis rheumatica* and gonorrhœal rheumatism are two perfectly distinct diseases, and he bases his conclusions on the following grounds:—1st, The difference in the relation of the fever to the local changes in the two diseases, in ordinary rheumatism the fever and the joint affection generally running hand in hand, whereas in gonorrhœal rheumatism the fever is always slight and in most cases is almost, if not entirely, absent. 2nd, The difference in duration of the two processes, the gonorrhœal rheumatism running a much longer course. 3rd, Gonorrhœal rheumatism is much less erratic in its character than ordinary rheumatism. 4th, The frequent association of gonorrhœal rheumatism with inflamma-