

patient made an excellent recovery and has had no return of the disease.

(This operation presents no advantage over ventro-fixation. In both, the abdomen requires to be opened and in Symonds' operation the ovaries require to be removed, which adds to the risk of the operation and, of course absolutely contra-indicates it in a woman who has not yet reached the climacteric, unless the ovaries are diseased. The chief argument urged against ventro-fixation is that it interferes with pregnancy, but this cannot be advanced in this case, as Symonds removed both ovaries so that pregnancy would not follow his operation. It would not only be interfered with, it would be absolutely prohibited. Even when pregnancy does follow ventro-fixation, no trouble will follow if the operator has not passed the sutures too far down on the posterior surface of the uterus and so caused an exaggerated anteversion. If the sutures are passed just posterior to the tip of the fundus and a sufficient distance up from the pubic bone to lift the organ off the bladder the results will probably be quite satisfactory.

Psychological Effect of Pelvic Disease in the Female.

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In epilepsy, the attacks are more likely to occur at or near the menstrual period than between them and may only occur at that time, so that some authorities look upon the act of menstruation as the cause and so endeavour to remove the source of irritation by bringing on a premature menopause through removal of the ovaries, but Dr. Mitchell does not agree with this teaching. He says that many ovaries both abnormal and normal have been removed for the cure of this condition, but he never saw a permanent cure result from this operation and so never sanctions it. Relief may possibly follow at first, but it is only temporary.

Insanity, in which the menstrual period is the originative and sometimes sole determinative cause of the mental condition, some-