

condition noted whenever the abdominal cavity is opened for any reason, provided no additional risk is involved.

2. The opinion of the majority of surgeons in this country is against the removal of a perfectly healthy appendix, forty-four to twenty-six being the proportion shown in my investigation.

3. The opinion of a large majority of surgeons is in favour of removing an appendix which is even slightly adherent to other structures, sixty to seven being the proportion shown in my investigation.

4. The fact that the appendix is normal in appearance does not prove that it contains no fecal concretions, for I have found them in a number of instances. Their presence is sufficient reason for the removal of an apparently healthy appendix.

5. After removal of the right ovary the stump should always be covered with peritoneum in order to prevent the risk of adhesion to the appendix. A long and free appendix should invariably be removed.—*Jour. A. M. A., St. Louis Med. Rev.*

#### **APPENDICITIS FROM A PHYSICIAN'S STANDPOINT.**

James Tyson, Philadelphia, after relating a number of cases in which operation did not seem indicated, says:

It is such experiences as these which have brought me to the conclusion that every case of appendicitis whose diagnosis is thoroughly established should be operated on, always, if possible, in the interval between attacks. Of the diagnosis, however, we should be reasonably certain. In view of the occasional difficulties of diagnosis, it may happen now and then that a normal appendix is removed; but I have come to the conclusion, too, that it is better to have a few normal appendices removed than that one which ought to have come out should remain and cause death of its owner. The appendix is not an organ of which we need be especially proud. It is useless and exceedingly vulnerable and without powers of resistance when attacked.—*Jour. A. M. A.*

#### **THE PRIMARY TREATMENT OF RAILWAY INJURIES.**

J. N. Baker, Montgomery, Ala., lays especial stress on the importance of recognizing shock, which he states may be defined as a state of general depression, reflexly