

## Obstetrics

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**Traumatic Perforations of the Uterus from Within.** HEINRIK (A. P.), Chicago. *Medical Standard*.

The chief predisposing causes to this accident are either hyperemia of the uterine tissues following abortion or labor; and atrophy, due to some wasting disease, such as tuberculosis, or after puerperal infections.

Malignant growths of the uterus also favor the accident, as also does abscess of the uterus, chiefly the ordinary pyogenic variety.

As regards treatment of such an accident, if one is quite sure that the uterus and the instrument are both aseptic, nothing need be done except to keep the patient quiet for two or three days, and carefully watched in regard to temperature, pulse, etc. If the injury has been done by a curette, nothing may happen.

However, if the interior of the uterus is septic, it seems better to perform laparotomy and explore the wound and adjoining viscera, and then suture the wound of the uterus.

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THE presence of shreds in the urine is a presumptive evidence more useful to the surgeon who seeks the etiology of a monarticular inflammation than is the denial by the patient that he has had gonorrhea.—*American Journal of Surgery*.

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IF there is reason to believe that one is dealing with a sub-acromial bursitis, the presence of great tenderness on pressure over the humerus in the axilla should not be interpreted to gainsay the diagnosis—although such tenderness has not been described.—*American Journal of Surgery*.