

most cases. The ligaments should be allowed time to unite to the wound, to the pillars of the ring, to the canal, and for this purpose three weeks is quite short enough time. Several of my private patients have taken a longer rest, and with benefit, as thus all the pelvic organs have become accustomed to their new position. The rest need not be in bed—a sofa and the sitting posture may vary the monotony of lying in bed, whilst sewing, reading, and other feminine arts may be indulged in after the first few days.”

As regards the future of the operation, one feels inclined to speak carefully ; but judging from the way it has been favorably received and discussed at meetings of eminent societies in Europe and America we must acknowledge that its field of application and usefulness will become largely increased. At a meeting of the Obstetrical Society of New York, April 6th, 1886, Dr. Polk stated that he had operated fifteen times, and that he was satisfied the operation would prove an extremely valuable contribution to surgical gynecology. Views of this nature coming from an authority so highly respected as Dr. Polk must tend to remove the objections usually made by weak-knee'd *pessary-gynecologists*. I am firmly convinced that the day of treatment of retro-displacements and procidentia with pessaries is fast drawing to an end, and the bright sun of operative surgery will be seen shortly looming up over the now dark horizon, dispelling the last streak of inert empiricism.

ADDENDUM TO PAPER ON CEREBRAL ANEURISMS.

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I accidentally overlooked the records of two of the most interesting cases of aneurism of the cerebral vessels, one of which was shown Nov. 17th, 1882, and the other May 25th, 1883, at the Medico-Chirurgical Society. The case of the boy aged 6 is specially interesting, as it is, so far as I know, the youngest case on record. I append the notes :—

CASE XI—*Aneurism of left middle Cerebral Artery.*—Woman, aged 62. Admitted in a semi-unconscious state, with