

New Operation for Prolapsus Uteri.—

A radical operation of a novel character for the relief of prolapsus uteri has been originated by Lefort, of Paris. It consists in uniting the anterior and posterior vaginal walls along their mesial lines, so as to make two vaginas instead of one. After the operation the two vaginas lie in lateral proximity like a double-barrelled shot-gun. The surfaces freshened are about half an inch wide and two inches long, and are held in position by sutures. The operation is said to be not difficult of performance, and quite successful in preventing prolapse.

Caries of the Ankle in Children.—Dr. V.

P. Gibney has tabulated the results of expectant treatment in thirty cases of the above disease. In fourteen cases the disease manifested itself previous to four years of age; in eleven instances the patients were from four to nine years old, and in five from nine to thirteen years. In fourteen patients the lower epiphyses of the tibia and fibula, as well as some of the bones of the tarsus, were involved; in ten cases the tarsus alone was implicated; in four, the tibia and fibula only; and in the remaining two, the os calcis was involved. As to suppuration, in nineteen cases it was quite profuse, in six moderate, and in five no pus was formed. The length of treatment averaged one year and three months, the shortest being less than six months, the longest nearly three years. The duration of the disease was from one to six years. Several cases were examined at varying intervals after the cure, and in all, the joint affected was found to remain in a state of health. Of those cases, and there were five, in which shortening of the limb was found to exist, it was not more than one inch. The shortening of the foot was as follows: half an inch in 16 cases, less than one inch in four, none in three instances, and in seven it was not ascertained. In two-thirds of the cases there was no lameness, in seven it was slight, and only in one case was the lameness at all marked. In five cases the mobility of the joint was perfectly restored; in the other patients there was a slight impediment to perfectly free motion in certain directions;