

of the jaw, lithotomy in the young, and similar operations. We must, however, perform ovariectomy strictly according to the rules laid down by the English operators in their classical works, and only after having attained the same results should we venture to practically put into force our own ideas, in order to improve upon them. I had the good fortune to see Spencer Wells operate upon two complicated cases, and from them, as well as from oral communication with this remarkable man, I learned much. I constantly follow his precepts, knowing that he has long since thoroughly thought out and tested all that can happen to myself. I shall willingly regard myself during my lifetime as his scholar, and contented shall I be if it falls to my lot, by means of this operation, to snatch from certain death one half of the number of lives he has been enabled to save.

Up to the present time I am tolerably contented with my results. I give here a short account of them, in order to encourage the performance of these operations, and especially to inform the colleagues into whose hands these lines may fall that I have, personally, no reasons for supposing that the results attendant upon ovariectomy will be less cheering in Vienna than they are in London. Hitherto I have performed it nine times, and of these patients only two have died, giving, therefore, only a mortality of 22.2 per cent. The first four cases recovered one after another, then two fatal cases occurred, to be followed again by three recoveries. The first case is related in my Zurich "*Chirurgische Klinik*," and the second, third and fourth cases in the "*Chirurgische Klinik*," published at Vienna in 1868.—*New York Medical Journal*. Feb. 1872.

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FATAL SALIVATION FROM BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY.—In a case which is fully reported in the *Lancet* for September 16th, Dr. Meeres applied with a small camel's hair brush a strong alcoholic solution of corrosive sublimate—eighty grains to the ounce—to the head of a child affected with tinea tonsurans. The application gave rise to no pain at the time, but during the ride home, in an open dog-cart, the child suffered severely. Shortly afterwards vomiting and purging came on. Salivation, accompanied by much swelling of the parotid and submaxillary glands,