

are sufficient to cure a majority of cases of chronic disease of the appendages which most authorities would doom to removal of the diseased organs. The precautions above given apply to this conservative as they do to operative treatment. Indeed, in one case cited by operators as an instance of the danger of the conservative method, the curette was used when posterior parametritis existed. Bad symptoms followed and the appendages were removed, and not till after the abdominal section did the patient die.—*Medical and Surgical Reporter*.

ASAFETIDA IN OBSTETRICAL AND GYNÆCOLOGICAL PRACTICE.—Warman (*Therap. Monats.*) lays stress on

the insufficiency of the remedies hitherto recommended in cases of abortion, pointing out that small doses of opium frequently disappoint, whereas large and repeated doses may prove injurious, both being of little value with patients subject to the habit of aborting. The author was therefore readily disposed to employ asafetida, as first recommended by Italian obstetricians. It was usually administered in pills containing one and a half grain, though an enema containing the tincture was soon preferred in cases of threatening abortion. The author found the drug most efficacious in reducing the hæmorrhage, which is prone to appear subsequently. Even with a very severe and alarming onset the first dose appeared to exert a most tranquillizing effect, and led to

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