

I have been particularly struck with the apparent ease with which they do gastro-jejunostomy. It seems dead easy when once you have seen it done. The abdomen is opened a little to the left of the median line by a vertical incision four or five inches long. The stomach is pulled out and covered with a hot towel. The transverse colon is next drawn out and reflected over the abdomen. A fair sized hole is made in the transverse mesocolon, and through this a loop of the jejunum, previously stripped of its contents, is drawn through. A rubber tube is passed around the loop and fastened with a pair of catch forceps to shut off the blood supply. The loop is now sewn to the lower posterior surface of the stomach. A small oval is now cut out of each viscus about one-third of an inch from the line of suture. These are put in contact and the line of suture continued completely around the opening, a bone bobbin being put in the opening to keep it patent until it heals. The patient is well in ten or twelve days. The operation is done quite frequently in gastric and duodenal ulcers, particularly if there has been hemorrhage.

I watched Victor Horsley do the Gasserian Ganglion operation. He is a most careful operator, and yet at the same time the boldest that I have seen. He seems to be as much at home on the brain as a man is in his own native city. The side of the skull is removed and the brain lifted up out of the middle fossa. Any sinus that bleeds is packed and sponged out, and after about an hour's careful dissection out comes the whole ganglion, just like a dissection plate in Gray.

In gynæcology one thing that strikes you is the extreme rarity with which trachelorrhaphy is done; and still another the faith placed in ring pessaries. I do not remember ever seeing a ring pessary at home, but here they seem to be used for almost everything. They are made of fairly hard rubber, just flexible enough to squeeze in through the vaginal orifice. The left lateral position is always used for examinations, manipulations and minor operations.

I saw Duncan do a hysterectomy. Everything is as at home, except that we have a better technique. Reef sponges