

## SALPINGITIS AND PYOSALPINX.\*

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My experience with a series of cases of disease of one or both fallopian tubes and sequelæ has made me think that the treatment of this condition, although plainly indicated by many writers, notably and in the position of a successful pioneer, Mr. Lawson Tait of Birmingham, is not yet fully appreciated by the great mass of general practitioners.

I have nothing original to add to the subject, but I have reason, as you will see, to advocate a treatment of this class of cases quite as radical as that taught by Mr. Lawson Tait. I believe that many women are to-day making the rounds of consulting rooms and being treated by pessaries, glycerine tampons, hot water douches, and local blistering, who are really suffering from salpingitis. I also believe that this treatment is wholly insufficient to cure, and this is proved by the fact of their changing one consulting room for another, or returning to the same consultant after a longer or shorter period of only comparative relief and comfort. Trachelorrhaphy has been performed a great deal, and too often has been regarded as a cure-all remedy. It is easy to recognize a lacerated cervix, and also easy to repair it, but it is not so easy to sit in your office three months after and listen to a rehearsal of symptoms similar to the ones complained of before the operation was performed. Every family physician here has probably one or more ladies among his clientele who have visited some medical centre and had an operation, and still appeal to him for relief from symptoms similar to those complained of before operation. I do not mean to belittle that most useful operation of trachelorrhaphy in properly selected cases, but I draw attention to the necessity of excluding disease of the appendages before advising it.

In this paper I purposely omit all allusion to that larger subject of the etiology of salpingitis and confine myself to two points only, the diagnosis and treatment of salpingitis and pyosalpinx. It is the duty of every one assuming the position of

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