



*Are your Compliments
Coyteux*

[Reprinted from the AMERICAN GYNÆCOLOGICAL AND OBSTETRICAL JOURNAL
for March, 1897. Copyright, 1897, by J. D. EMMET, M.D.]

ON HYSTERECTOMY.*

BY L. COYTEUX PRÉVÔST, M.D., OTTAWA, CAN.

In 1874, after I had been invested by the learned faculty with the right of "*Secare per orbem terram*," and considering however my scientific luggage insufficient to undertake the great voyage through life, I conceived the idea of going to complete my medical studies on the other side of the Atlantic. I made up my mind to sail at first directly for Ireland, in order to study gynæcology and obstetrics. I entered, as resident pupil, the Rotunda Hospital, which even at that time enjoyed a universal and well-deserved reputation. Among the physicians whom I had the pleasure of knowing in that institution I became intimately acquainted with Fancourt Barnes, the son of Robert Barnes, the great gynæcologist, whose name and fame are known to you all. This excellent friend, Fancourt, of whom I always kept such a sweet remembrance, is to-day gloriously following the footsteps of his father, and already belongs to the brilliant phalanx of British celebrated gynæcologists. When at the end of the summer I had to leave Dublin for France, I would not part with Fancourt without securing the promise that he would come to Paris and spend a few days with me. He kept his word, and came, accompanied by his venerable father. During their sojourn in the great city, I tried to make myself as agreeable as possible, and offered to take them through the hospitals, proposing, among others, St. Louis, where I might introduce them to Péan, whom I had the good fortune of knowing particularly. This proposition was enthusiastically ac-

* Read before the Ottawa Medical Society, November 13, 1896.