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Vaginal Section.

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In this age of rapid advancement, it is a difficult matter to contribute anything of startling novelty. Those possessing the genius of originality are few, but the most ordinary may, at times, recount his experiences, and contribute even unconsciously to the sum of knowledge. Upon the subject of this paper I have nothing new to offer. The subject has been thoroughly threshed out by Continental and American surgeons, and apparently as completely neglected by Canadian operators. Our medical literature contains but few references to Vaginal Section, and leading articles upon this subject are conspicuous by their absence. This should not obtain as advanced gynaecology is incomplete without this important factor.

In discussing the vaginal route to the pelvic cavity, we should not affirm more than experience can substantiate. Each method has its distinct indications, and also its limitations. It is not so much a subject for abstract discussion, as that of careful examination and judicious selection of the method better suited to each individual case. The question we should ask before undertaking any surgical measure, is,