

and eggnog forming the dietary, while plenty of water was also given.

The wound healed nicely and the patient was very comfortable, but smilingly complained that the food did not *taste* very good. The patient left for home on Feby. 16th, taking with her a No. 12 catheter and funnel for introducing into the stomach at feeding time. The original tube was removed in two weeks from time of operation. It was confidently expected that life would be prolonged in this case from six months to a year or more, but about two months after going home the patient succumbed to an attack of apoplexy.

#### VAGINAL HYSTERECTOMY.

Mrs. F., aet. 50, was referred to me by her physician for curettage of the uterus, as from the clinical history he suspected cancer of the endometrium. The patient had but one child thirty years ago and no miscarriages. She had passed the menopause five years ago, but of late had occasional hemorrhages and profuse offensive discharges from the vagina. She was a spare, active woman, of neurotic type, and was not suspicious of the serious condition present.

Some years previously she had been informed that she had cancer of the left upper maxilla, and its removal by surgical means was advised. This was objected to, and after several months treatment by a specialist the tumor disappeared, but a large scar of the cheek remained due to the continued application of X rays.

The husband was therefore anxious that a positive diagnosis of cancer should be made before he would allow of such a formidable operation as complete hysterectomy. Accordingly the patient was anæsthetized, and the diagnosis made by dilating the cervical canal—the cervix was apparently normal—and curetting away fragments of tissue, which were readily obtained. The uterus was but slightly enlarged and was freely movable.

On examination Dr. W. T. Connell pronounced the disease to be columnar celled carcinoma of the body of the uterus.

After a few days the patient returned to her home and there was informed of the serious nature of the disease, and that her only hope for prolongation of life was the complete removal