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## OVARIOTOMY.

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About the middle of May, 1881, I was consulted by Miss G., aged 30, in consequence of an abdominal tumour, which she described had given her much uneasiness for some length of time, tracing back, as well as she could recollect, to a period of nearly four years. She was of a spare habit of body, nervo-bilious temperament, and evidently suffering from impaired health and defective nutrition, whilst her unwieldy appearance would indicate almost that she was in the eighth month of pregnancy.

On examination in the posture of decubitus, the abdomen was found much enlarged, soft and fluctuating, giving the usual wave-like feel on percussion; this softness was modified somewhat on the right side from the inguinal region upwards over a space of about 4 inches in diameter, which space gave a decided feeling of hardness. The diagnosis was "cystic ovarian tumour," with, perhaps, fibroma, corresponding with the locality where the hardness existed. This opinion, *quo ad* ovarian dropsy, was strengthened by my discovering a cicatrix below the umbilicus, for which I sought an explanation, when I learnt that she had actually been tapped so lately as the month of February, when a large quantity of glairy, sticky fluid had been drawn off, but the swelling had quickly returned, and, although painless, her existence had