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MALIGNANT DISEASE AFFECTING THE FUNDUS OF THE UTERUS.*

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When requested some time ago, by your President, to give a short paper for your consideration I decided that it would be interesting to discuss malignant disease affecting the fundus of the uterus, especially in connection with its early diagnosis. It is not my intention to take up the subject of malignant disease of the cervix uteri. I may say, in passing, that malignant disease of the cervix is readily recognized; it can be seen. The disease can be felt with the finger at the period of time when most of the cases present themselves to the physician for his opinion and advice. Unfortunately, a large proportion of those with which I meet are beyond help. The tissues about are already so much infiltrated that no operation will give a satisfactory result. Early diagnosis is to be hoped for and to be sought for, but, as yet, to be seldom obtained. The physician is not to blame and the patient herself can scarcely be blamed, because she has had but slight warning that there is anything amiss. But in those cases in which the malignant disease affects the fundus of the uterus there is, as a rule, ample warning and the attendant is certainly negligent in his duty if he is unable to diagnose the condition quite early.

I present for your consideration specimens showing malignant disease of the fundus in its earliest and its more advanced stages.

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