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DISEASES OF THE KIDNEY, AMENABLE TO SURGICAL TREATMENT.*

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Before entering upon the consideration of the topic assigned, I desire to acknowledge my appreciation of the compliment paid me in inviting me to speak before this Association, and to express the pleasure that it gives to appear before you on this occasion.

ORIGIN AND GROWTH OF SURGERY OF THE KIDNEY.

The surgery of the kidney began thirty years ago, when on August 2nd, 1869, Gustav Simon, of Heidelberg, removed a kidney by the lumbar method for an irreparable ureteral fistula. This operation demonstrated that a man could live in perfect health, if not in perfect security, with only one kidney.

This new field of surgery developed rapidly, as may be seen from a review of the literature on this subject. If we take, for example, the Virchow-Hirsch Jahresbericht, and count the number of papers on surgery of the kidney therein noted, the count will not include all the papers written on this subject, but will give a relatively correct idea of the growth of the literature.

In the first decade, from 1869 to 1879, less than twenty articles

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