

where I saw him remove a papilloma of the ovary, with secondary grafts on the peritoneum and ascites. After removing the disease he placed a drainage tube and gauze packing on account of the profuse oozing. He recognized the fact that gauze packing keeps in secretions but does not drain them. The third case I saw Segond doing was at a private hospital kept by the nuns, where he removed one tube and ovary from a young lady; but he admitted that it did not give very satisfactory results, as he had often to operate them again later.

*Richelot*, as far as I could learn, comes next to Segond. I saw him operating at the St. Louis hospital, the dirtiest looking old barracks, internally, that I have ever seen. As this was probably not his fault, I felt very sorry for him. I called upon him at his elegant private house, 32 Rue Panthievre, and although he was crowded with patients, he received me most kindly, and made an appointment for the next day. Everything during the operation was rigorously aseptic, which, of course, is the principal thing; but any stranger seeing *only* that hospital would have a very bad opinion of French hospitals. I was glad that it happened to be a vaginal hysterectomy for disease of both appendages, pus tubes, for that is his forte. He performed the operation beautifully in about the same time as we would take to remove them by the abdomen. They claim here that the uterus should always be removed when both ovaries are taken away. I also saw him perform a Schroeder operation, using a needle on a handle to pass the sutures. He did not, like Martin of Berlin, pass a preliminary suture on each side to control hemorrhage. At all the hospitals the feet and legs of the patients are bandaged up in a thick layer of cotton well sterilized, an example worth following, as it helps to keep up the bodily temperature. To close the abdomen Segond uses through and through silver wire; Bonilly, through and through silk worm gut, and Pozzi three layers, two of buried catgut and one of superficial silk worm gut.

*Doyen* is said to be the equal of any, but he did not operate while I was in Paris.

*Bonilly* operates beautifully at the Cochin hospital. *Tuffier* is a rising man. My next letter will be from Berlin