

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR
MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT.

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Dr. Comfort in the chair.

In the continuation of the discussion upon Pelvic Cellulitis Dr. Mack wished to state that peri-uterine inflammation of the connective tissues was frequently brought under the notice of Gynæcists from the use or abuse of sponge tents and intra-uterine medication generally. If the early indications of this disease were recognized and treated intelligently they were manageable, and suppuration might frequently be averted, yet it must be confessed that cases occurred in which pyogenesis appeared to be inevitable. When the symptoms present themselves, frequent vaginal examinations are called for. To promote resolution, the hip-bath at from 85 to 90 for 20 minutes, increased in duration slowly up to two hours and followed by friction has proved to be valuable, leeching the Cervix, cupping the sacral region, fomentations, rest, the bromides, and keeping the rectum empty by gentle measures so as to prevent accumulation of fecal matter, emollient enemata per rectum and vaginam are valuable. When suppuration appears to be inevitable vesication of iliac and sacral regions is expedient, and as soon as the exploring trocar has demonstrated the existence of pus, it should be withdrawn by the aspirator. Dr. Mack gave the history of several typical cases.

Dr. Goodman mentioned an instance where a lardaceous mass had been discharged per rectum, apparently a fatty tumour which had in this way been got rid of. From first to last about two quarts of fatty substance had been voided. A pre-existent pelvic tumour disappeared after the evacuations.

Dr. Oillo wished to know what end was attained by Sims' operation of bilateral division of the cornu uteri, as far as relieving dysmenorrhœa was concerned. Dr. Mack replied that relief of dysmenorrhœa was by no means the only object of that operation, he had performed it a great number of times and although the operation had been called in question he had seen no instance in which he had found cause to regret having joined the ranks of the "womb-splitters."