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A SURGICAL PROCEDURE FOR THE RELIEF OF OVARIAN TENSION-PAIN.*

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Is not pain frequently, if not usually, caused by abnormal tension, either of the gross tissues of the affected part sufficient to irritate the sensitive nerve filaments, or in some portion of the nerve trunk which supplies it? In my opinion, the answer should be in the affirmative. Experience in regard to the relief of pain leads me to go so far as to make the statement that without increased tension in a nerve, or what comes to the same thing, of the tissues surrounding it or its delicate terminals, it is just as impossible to have pain as it is to have sight without vibration in the all-present ether. The condition is easily recognized in oschitis and many other painful affections, while in others it is difficult to demonstrate clearly. Viewing painful affections from this standpoint may not enlighten us in reference to the etiology, but not unfrequently it will be of considerable aid in regard to successful treatment.

The abnormality in tension, to which particular attention is desired to be directed, is that which occasionally arises in the ovary from a perverted condition of the oöphoron, that is, the

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