

up, the tumor grasped with a vulsellum, separated by the finger, and dragged from its bed. The shreds of capsule were trimmed off, the cavity well douched with hot water, and Churchill's iodine freely applied. No drainage or irrigation was practised. Patient made an easy and rapid recovery.

2. *Cystic tumor of the labium.* A cyst of the left labium magus of five years growth and the size of a hen's egg. It was easily enucleated entire. This was probably a degenerated gland of Bartholini.

3. *Extirpation of a cancerous uterus.* A cancerous uterus from a patient aged 49 years. Patient had intense pelvic pain and the other usual symptoms of malignant disease of the uterus. Examination before the operation proved that neither the broad ligament nor the pelvic glands were seriously involved. The removal was performed by the vaginal method. The patient being placed in the lithotomy position, and so retained by Clover's crutch, the uterus was drawn downwards and forwards to the pubes and the vaginal mucous membrane incised all round the cervix. Then the base of each broad ligament was ligatured by transfixion with a curved needle carrying strong silk; next, the posterior cul-de-sac was opened into the Douglas pouch and the bladder separated completely. The uterus was then retroverted through the posterior cul-de-sac. After this, the broad ligaments in their upper parts were clamped on each side with Terrier's clamps for the purpose, and the amputation of the uterus completed. Some bleeding points were secured, and the operation completed by a T drainage-tube laid in the Douglas pouch. The clamp forceps were removed at the end of three days, and the drainage-tube a day later. The patient recovered without a bad symptom.

4. *Ovarian cystoma.* A multilocular ovarian cystoma removed from a lady of 68 years. In this case, 48 hours after the operation, the patient developed a pleurisy of the right side, which extended to the left two days later. The pulse reached 175 per minute, and was irregular and intermittent. This was promptly checked by 10 min. doses of tincture of digitalis every four hours. No symptoms referable to the operation appeared, the alarming chest com-

plication soon amended, and rapid and complete convalescence took place.

5. *Ovarian cystoma.* A multilocular ovarian cystoma from a young lady of 22. There were some adhesions and troublesome bleeding from a rent in the broad ligament; as oozing continued after application of a continuous suture, a drainage-tube was used for 48 hours. The second ovary was found cystic and removed. Dr. Gardner remarked that Schröder formerly saved any portion of the second ovary not seriously involved, but of late had discontinued the practice. Dr. Schröder cites a case where pregnancy took place after removal of one ovary and part of the second.

*Discussion.*—Dr. Trenholme, referring to Dr. Gardner's method of extirpation of the uterus, stated that his method of procedure usually consisted in retroversion of the uterus and, after ligation, removal of it piece by piece, separating the anterior wall from the bladder with the finger. As the disease returned in two cases this year in his practice after removal of the uterus, he has lost faith in the operation of extirpation of the uterus for malignant disease.

Dr. Kennedy thought that cutting through the posterior cul-de-sac shortened the operation, and that the Terrier's clamp would greatly simplify it. He asked Dr. Gardner for statistics of the operation.

Dr. Gardner, in reply, stated that the mortality after total extirpation of the uterus was not more than 10 to 12 per cent. on the continent, but it was to be remembered that, in France especially, the uterus was frequently removed for other causes, e.g., incurable prolapsus, etc.

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MARK TWAIN once stopped at the house of a friend who had seven children, one of whom, a boy, was at the time suffering from a scurf on his head. The boy's mother was telling Twain about it, and asking him what she had better do. Twain inquired very carefully about when the scurf first appeared, what the symptoms were, and what remedies had been employed. Then, after thinking a moment, he ran his fingers through his hair, and said: "Try sand-paper."—*Med. Age.*