

4. Any drug which can exert such an effect on the total heat of the body is one which requires to be used with great caution in medical practice. This is doubly important as the drug is very slowly got rid of, and we know of no antidote, with the exception, perhaps, of external warmth.

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AN APPRECIATION OF PRYOR'S METHOD FOR REMOVAL OF FIBROID UTERUS BY THE ABDOMEN, WITH REPORT OF TEN SUCCESSIVE SUCCESSFUL CASES.*

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Twenty years ago he was strongly opposed to the operative treatment of fibroids on account of the high mortality then prevailing among the best operators. Ten years ago he became a strong advocate of Apostoli's method of treatment by electricity, by which he has cured the hemorrhage permanently in sixty-three out of a hundred and two cases in ten years. Eight years ago Price lowered the mortality enough to induce him to operate in certain cases with the *serre-nœud*. Baer further reduced the mortality, and he adopted his method and operated oftener. Three years ago Pryor perfected an ideal method which had almost no mortality, and which he (Lapthorn Smith) had adopted, and to which he gave the preference over all other treatment in every case of fibroid suffering enough to consult him. He claimed that he had acted consistently throughout, being guided by the one test question, "What is the mortality?" In his last ten successive cases, seven last year and three this year, all had recovered. Therefore the operation is now almost devoid of danger while it was absolutely effective. Pryor's method is by far the best, and to it was due, he believes, his absence of mortality in these ten cases. The great advan-

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