

Advantages: 1st.—The *solid metal top* when its edges are pressed on from above or below, displaces the air, so that the degree of pressure on the abdomen under every part of the cushion is equal at all times, and there is no possibility of an aperture between skin and apparatus on movement or in the most emaciated. Moreover, there is no chance for the inflated ring to buckle on itself.

2nd.—Any country surgeon can improvise the apparatus from materials at his hand.

3rd.—Following suprapubic prostatectomy, the patient can be on his feet with as much or more comfort than if the perineal route had been followed. The dorsal position usually assumed of necessity in the former case may be the cause of its slightly higher mortality. An analogous condition is that of fracture of the head of the femur in old age.

4th.—One is warranted in suprapubic drainage in cancer of the bladder, when dysuria becomes marked, in preference to a catheter *à demeure*, which always sets up urethritis, perhaps fatal urethral fever, and which is oftentimes not tolerated well.

5th.—Suprapubic fistula, when they do not respond to attempts at closure, will be less annoying when leakage is thus confined.

In conclusion, it is well to have the part of the abdomen to be covered with this appliance anointed with vaseline to protect it and the wound from the urine—animal fats rot the rubber cushion, which, with vaseline, will last at least a month.

If the wound is to be kept open, a flanged tube is to be placed in it.

The appliance is being especially constructed, and is to be placed on the market by Stevens & Son, Ltd., 78 Long Lane, London, E.C., England. There are agencies in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

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