

inflammation; hence it is, that success is more likely to follow an operation for a large than a small tumor, to follow a protracted than a recent case.

In illustration of these statements regarding fibrous outgrowths, I now give two cases out of several. A discreet and virtuous woman, but of a salacious temperament, married at about twenty, and became a widow two years after, without having been impregnated, although, according to her statement, her connubial state had been quite satisfactory to her. Previously to her widowhood she felt an uneasiness or weight in the pelvis. As this increased she perceived that something was enlarging within her. She consulted many practitioners, when, at last, a tumor in the hypogastrium became palpable. This was diagnosed, at the time, as ovarian. Iodine internally and externally, leeches on the abdomen, and emetic-tarter pustules kept cropping out for several months, leaving their indelible marks on the surface of the abdomen, was the treatment pursued unavailingly. At last the tumor presented a bi-lateral or double appearance, the larger one filling one iliac region, and the lesser one occupying the opposite region; between the two, under the linea alba, there was a distinct hiatus. She was now told that she had enlargement of both ovaries; various medicines were persevered in unavailingly; and she at last gave up "doctoring." All this time she enjoyed perfect health excepting the disturbance produced by futile medication. Her appearance was attractive, and her sexual desires great, which led to a second marriage, after she had honestly made her case known to her suitor. She married. All went on as usual for two years, when, without perceptible cause, the "two" tumors began rapidly to increase in size. I now saw her for the first time, and got from her the foregoing history. On examination, not finding fluctuation or elasticity, conditions that belong to ovarian dropsy, and thinking of the slow progress of the case, I told her and her husband that there was no disturbance in the ovaries (her catamenia regular, and the sexual appetite as generous as heretofore); but that the resisting nature, and the hardness of the "two" tumors was different from what happened in ovarian tumors.

They requested an operation, which I hesitated to undertake, but at last consented to do it. She went home, a distance of a hundred miles, to settle household affairs, and returned in eight days. In this short period, so rapid had been the increase, that the tumor reached half way between the umbilicus and scrobiculus, and she had become lean and looked much exhausted. A long incision, from the pubis to near the pit of the stomach, was made, exposing the tumor, which was a single one, with two outgrowths from its surface, the whole springing from the greatly