the packing might be removed from it in twenty-four hours. That in the uterus might remain six days, if necessary. Boro-glyceride tampons with tincture of belladonna would be of benefit. About twenty minims of fluid extract of belladonna were sufficient to alleviate the pain. The doctor also referred to the benefits of electricity.

Dr. CARVETH said that he found fault with the construction of the average bed It would be found that in most beds the hips would be from six to twenty inches below the head, which was an unnatural position. If a new-born babe were experimented upon, it would be found that the most comfortable position for it would be where the head was lower than the hips.

Dr. HAMILTON accounted for many pelvic and rectal congestions by inactivity of the liver. Many inflammations, he stated, were due to blood stagnation. Cathartics, massage and frictions would give great relief. Surgical treatment of these cases did not remove the cause.

Dr. WALKER found that these troubles occurred less among factory girls than among women of the higher classes. His procedure was to dilate the uterus well, curette and cauterize with the galvano cautery. He did not use the hot water do takes, as the water could not be used hot enough. The practice, too, called the attention of the patient too much to the uterus, which ne considered a bad thing. Purgatives, judiciously used, were of great benefit. Whitely's exercises were valuable. He spoke also of the virtue of massage and electricity. Hammamelis was valuable in the acute and the sub-acute conditions. He thought hydrastis was more particularly suitable for hæmorrhages of the bowel, but not for the venous condition of the uterus.

Dr. FORFAR spoke of the value of ichthyol,

Dr. S. HAY agreed that the operations of dilatation, curettement and tamponage were valuable. But in the last named operation care should be taken not to pack the internal os.

Dr. OLDRIGHT spoke of the various causes of this condition. He thought miscarriage was one of the most common. He thought it was injurious to pack the uterus after this mishap. His plan was to curette and wash out with a solution of bichloride of hg. 1-4000. He referred to the hygienic treatment. He disapproved in strong terms of the abdominal constriction of corsets. Another point often negle_ted was the habit of going to the closet at regular hours; he did not wonder at the neglect of this in country places where, as a rule, the outhouses were cold, abominable places. Women were often required to sit up too late at night and rise too early in the morning. To relieve the tendency to retroflexion

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