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A CRITICAL REVIEW OF OPERATIONS FOR VENTRO-SUSPENSION OF THE UTERUS.

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That retro-deviations of the uterus are among the most common conditions found in gynecological patients is well known.

The combined observations of Winckell,¹ Lohlein and Sanger, embracing several thousand patients, show this condition to occur in 17.74 per cent. of all patients of this class. Other authorities place the percentage all the way from 15 to 33.

It might be well to start out early in the consideration of this subject with the fact clearly before us, that simple uncomplicated retro-displacements of the uterus frequently cause no symptoms, and that in the great majority of cases, co-existing pathological conditions are crying more loudly for relief than the uterine malposition.

Although the etiology of retro-deviations of the uterus, as well as physiological function of the various uterine ligaments, are quite beyond the scope of this paper, still I feel justified in referring briefly to them, as a correct conception of these two important points is absolutely necessary in order that we may intelligently consider the various operations in vogue for the relief of this often troublesome condition.

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