

neighboring ward lay a man who had entered with retention and infiltration of urine from giving way of the urethra; at the same time a large pyonephrosis of the right kidney was detected. The infiltration and retention was treated in the usual manner. Within two months all the physical signs of pyonephrosis had completely disappeared. "To run to the assistance of the kidneys by methodical treatment of the lower part of the urinary tract should be a fundamental law of surgery."—*Prof. Guyon in Annales de Gynéc.*

Drs. SPAETH and HOFMOKL (*Lon. Med. Rec.*) calls attention to the danger of allowing coitus to take place too soon after a lacerated perineum has been repaired, and reports two unique cases. The patients were discharged from the hospital within a month after perineorrhaphy had been performed. In both instances intercourse occurred within two or three days after their return home, and transverse tears were caused in the posterior vaginal fornix, from which profuse hæmorrhage resulted which necessitated the application of sutures. It was remarkable that the injury occurred, not in the fresh cicatrix, but in the vaginal vault, which might be explained by the fact that the posterior wall of the vagina was shortened and thus put on the stretch in consequence of the operation. Another woman perfectly healthy, married at the age of thirty-one, and from the first had pain during coitus. A few days after marriage she had violent pain during the act, which was followed by profuse hæmorrhage. Four days later focal matter escaped per vaginam while she was at stool. On examination the external genitalia were found to be normal. The columns of the posterior vaginal wall were torn away from their attachment, and there was a recto-vaginal fistula admitting the little finger. Hofmokl reports four cases from Vienna and Prague. In one case a powerful young man had intercourse with a widow, aged fifty-eight, causing a tear in the vaginal fornix with profuse hæmorrhage. In the second, violent coitus in a sitting posture produced a rupture of the posterior fornix involving the peritoneum; the patient lost much blood, but recovered. The third case was that of a girl, aged seventeen, whose lover had violent intercourse with her while she was in an exaggerated lithotomy position, causing a large tear in the right wall of the vagina. The fourth case was that of a young girl who had an undeveloped vagina with absence of