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## Editorial.

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### APPENDICITIS.

The question of operative interference, and when to operate in Appendicitis, still continues to meet with discussion by papers and editorials in the various medical periodicals of this continent. It is evident, from papers which we have read, that among many in the profession there is a feeling that some surgeons are a little too anxious to use the knife. This feeling is also gaining a foothold among the laity, which is a fact much to be regretted, as it is sure to react injuriously. Somewhat recently it was pointedly emphasised by a gentleman, who forty years ago was a leading physician in this city, but who, while keeping in touch with Medical progress, has worked in another calling. Meeting the writer, lately he enquired if he had had many cases of Appendicitis, and, on being told that a few had come his way, he further asked if it was true that a fee of from three to five hundred dollars was charged for an operation. Being informed that such was the case, he solemnly added "No wonder there is lots of it." This is but a sample of many remarks we have heard, and it warns the profession that it is time something like definite rules were laid down, for the experience of the profession has say within the last five years been very great. Our individual experience has