

hæmic murmur, and yet she made a perfect recovery. Still another objection to vaginal hysterectomy is the removal of the cervix which it implies, for nearly every married woman in whom the cervix is removed complains, and her husband complains of the shortening of the vagina.

Compression of the ureters by fibroid tumors.—Knox, of Baltimore, one of Howard Kelly's assistants, has collected twenty-five cases in which more or less serious disease of the kidneys was caused by compression of the ureters followed in some cases by death from uræmic coma. This article is very timely, because the erroneous teaching is widespread that fibroid tumors, as a rule, cause no injury and should not be interfered with until they become very large. I admit that at one time I accepted this view, but now I am convinced that with so low a death rate from the operation, if done early, this should be done in every case. The deaths are due to complications such as described by Knox and by delayed operations.

Selected Articles.

ABDOMINAL RELAXATION, A PROBABLE FACTOR IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF GALL-STONES.

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Different theories have been advanced at different times concerning the origin of biliary calculi, but, based upon false hypotheses, each in turn has added a link to that endless chain of retracted statements and disproven theories that marks the path of every progressive science.

Though much has been written concerning the etiology, the symptomatology and treatment of gall-stones, little was definitely known concerning the pathogenesis of these calculi prior to 1890. The last decade has, however, recorded material and substantial progress along this line. The able and convincing publications of Naunyn in 1891 and 1892, in which he maintained that cholelithiasis is invariably the result of infection of the gall-bladder and ducts, with the consequent production of cholesterin, and stagnation of the bile,