

that the same pressure caused them no discomfort whatever. Some of these patients were seen for the first time while I was there and did not leave my sight for a moment, nor was a word spoken to them until the effect was produced, so that they did not know what was being done, nor what was the effect expected. I cannot say how long the relief lasted, but Apostoli assured me that many cases, even including those suffering from ovarian pain after removal of the ovaries, had been completely cured by the treatment, which he tells me, has taken the place of the current from the long fine faradic coil.

*Pozzi*, with whom I had the pleasure of spending a morning at the Broca hospital, is one of the most striking figures of the profession in Paris. Like our own Sir William Hingston, he is a Senator and a Knight (of the Legion of Honor), and he is also a full professor of the University. He is a tremendous worker, his book on Gynæcology being one of the most complete that has ever appeared. I was always puzzled to know how he managed to find the time to write such a work, and on expressing my curiosity, he told me that he obtained leave of absence from the University and from the Hospital, and, taking many cases of notebooks and monographs with him, went to Montpellier, where he shut himself up like a hermit for two years, writing for fifteen hours a day. I saw him do an abdominal hysterectomy, during which, in order to give himself more room to work, he first split open the fundus and enucleated a large hard fibroid, by screwing a specially made corkscrew into it. The remainder of the operation was exceedingly simple, because, relieved of its load, the uterus was easily lifted out, including the cervix, and the six arteries ligatured individually with catgut, and the peritoneum closed. As far as I could learn, vaginal hysterectomy is gradually being abandoned in France, where it had its greatest stronghold, and Howard Kelly's method of abdominal hysterectomy is gradually taking its place. Pozzi is getting the City Council of Paris to build a one hundred thousand dollar operating theatre and laparotomy pavilion. It will be without wood, marble and cement throughout, so that each day it may be washed with a stream of bi-chloride solution with the hose.