

perfected the method of removing fibroids with the *serre noeud* and transfixion pins so that the death rate gradually came down to ten per cent., I began to adopt this operation in all cases in which electricity failed, or in which the patients could not spare the time required for electrical treatment. A few years later Baer and Kelly so improved the technique of abdominal hysterectomy that the mortality fell gradually to five per cent., and even in Kelly's hands to two per cent., he having recently completed one hundred consecutive cases with only two deaths. I am now employing this method in every case that will consent to an operation, and I have now done *ten consecutive cases without a death*, the tumors ranging from one to five pounds in weight, so that my attitude has completely changed, and I now deem it my duty to urge every woman with a fibroid tumor to have it removed immediately. The gynecological journals, during the last few months, record many instances in which fibroid tumors have sloughed, suppurated, become twisted and become malignant, so they are no longer considered the benign tumors they once were. Malignant degeneration has occurred three times in my experience (among those I was treating with electricity). And last, but by no means least, the earlier the tumor is removed the safer it will be to remove it, because there will be no adhesion to bowels, no enormous sinuses to bleed and smaller arteries to tie, and the woman's general health will be better able to bear the operation, while the operation itself will be ever so much easier to bear.

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## Selected Articles.

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### HEADACHES AND THEIR TREATMENT.

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Before commencing the discussion of the treatment of headaches it will be advisable to come to an understanding regarding the meaning which we attach to the word "headache." Although it is by the brain that we perceive pain, yet the brain itself, when subjected to direct irritation, give