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## Original Communications.

### ON THE TREATMENT OF UTERINE FIBROIDS BY APOSTOLI'S METHOD.

(INTRA-UTERINE ELECTROLYSIS.)

By DR. DELETANG, of Nantes. Read before the Academy of Medicine of Paris, 27th November, 1888.

TRANSLATED BY A LAPHORN SMITH.

Since the year 1884, when I attended the clinic of Dr. Apostoli for some time, I have treated by his method ninety-seven cases of uterine fibroids.

Of these patients, seven have received their treatment in whole or in part at the Hotel Dieu of Nantes, and thirty-two have been sent to me by leading practitioners of the district; the rest were from my own private practice.

I followed exactly the rules laid down by Dr. Apostoli, keeping to the letter of the directions which he taught me in 1884; in fact, with the exception of a few isolated cases, I did not go beyond the intensities which he then employed. I used a current of a 100 to 120 milliamperes, sometimes less, the sittings lasted on an average five minutes, and were generally at intervals of four to seven days. I made the greater number of the applications of electricity at my office, as I have already said, thirty-two

of my patients were sent to me by my colleagues whose patients they still remained, and the treatment was followed and inspected by them. The reports which I afterwards received of them were generally furnished by their physicians. The following results, therefore, bear the seal of absolute authenticity.

Of course it is impossible for me to give in full here the reports of these thirty-two cases, which will be reported in another work. I shall content myself with some general conclusions. With regard to these thirty-two cases I wish to draw your attention to three things:

1st. With two exceptions I only treated women in whom the uterine canal was open, so that I employed exclusively intra-uterine electrolysis, without force and without punctures.

2nd. None of my observations relate to cases of fibro-cystic tumor, for I consider that the treatment by electrolysis is powerless in these cases, at least after having tried it in the beginning a great many times for these cases, and not having found any beneficial results, I abandoned the treatment of them by electricity. I think, however, that this view must be modified for very small cysts, which are often situated within large fibroids, and which do not possess a very great tendency to increase.