

Selections.

Surgical Items.

As far as possible I introduce only my hand into the peritoneal cavity. In pus cases it is well to spend some time in the introduction of pads, pushing the intestines up toward the diaphragm. In such cases, even if pus escapes, it will do little mischief, providing the escaping matter is caught in the gauze. I have been so well satisfied with this plan of procedure that in my later cases I have entirely dispensed with intra-abdominal flushings.—*A. Brothers.*

Every tumor of the larynx suspected to be malignant, of intrinsic origin, of limited extent, and apparently within reach of free removal, justifies an exploratory thyrotomy in a suitable patient, in the absence of infiltration of the surrounding structures and of affection of the lymphatic glands.—*D. B. Delavan.*

Nephrectomy whilst the opposite organ is occupied by calculus is fraught with the greatest danger to life; whereas nephrectomy, after the opposite kidney has been freed of stone, will probably be followed by recovery from the operation, and possibly by very good health for many years afterwards.—*Henry Morris.*

Patients operated upon in the continued Trendelenburg position should, from time to time be placed in a horizontal position, as the pressure of the abdominal contents upon the diaphragm and the organs of the thorax impedes respiration.—*S. O. Goldman.*

In my own experience, in an active surgical service in hospitals, I am satisfied that alcohol is responsible for the great preponderance of grave surgical cases on the non-working days of the year.—*T. H. Manley.*

No case of ruptured tubal pregnancy is out of danger until after a good ligature has secured the bleeding points.—*Cordier.*—*International Journal of Surgery.*

CONDURANGO IN GASTRALGIA.—According to Dr. Jouvenel (*Nord médical; Journal de médecine de Paris*), condurango has a marked action on gastric pain and vomiting. Aided by rest and a milk diet, it has checked hæmatemesis. Powdered condurango in catchets is recommended to the extent of from thirty to sixty grains in divided