

belt. While on the train, and about half way home, she was suddenly taken with labor pains and a rather free hemorrhage. The pains were described as of a tearing character. In about a half an hour the tumor came away entire. I am sorry that I am unable to show this specimen although I went down to Holyoke to get it, and saw it completely filling a quart fruit jar. She would not part with it unless at a fabulous price.

In Albutt and Playfair's recent work on Gynæcology, page 327, the following words appear: "It is well recognized, of course, that the continuous current has a marked effect in producing powerful contractions of the uterus. This can be demonstrated experimentally; and it is also shown clinically by the considerable number of intra-uterine fibroids which have been expelled during electrical treatment, in some cases after a very few applications. It is further quite probable that we must look to this contraction-producing effect for an explanation not only of the hemostatic results, but also of the alteration of nutrition and consequent diminution in size which not infrequently result from electrical treatment."

I might add, as bearing out this opinion, that case No. I. would invariably experience strong contractions of the bladder whenever the current was continued longer than five or six minutes.

I thought it worth while to report these two cases of absolute cure, in addition to the many I have reported of women with fibroids having been restored to health by the electrical treatment, because it is no more than right that women with bleeding fibroids should have the choice of this alternative with all its faults, if they wish it, rather than take the heavy risk of absolute and speedy cure by the knife. And I feel the more free to say this because personally I much prefer the latter method, while the treatment by electricity is exceedingly irksome to me when I am so pressed for time.

But four of the fourteen women upon whom I performed abdominal hysterectomy are dead, while all of the sixty and odd whom I treated by electricity are still alive—a few of them, it is true, no better, but the majority of them in perfect health.

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