

Operation for Lucien Lofton (*N.Y.M.J.* and *P.M.J.*),
Varicocele: finds the ligation method of operating for varicocele satisfactory. The patient in a semi-recumbent attitude, the surgeon grasps the scrotum with the left hand, the index finger and thumb at the same time separating the vas deferens and spermatic artery, while the pampiniform plexus is brought well up against the anterior and upper walls and held there. A surgeon's ordinary curved needle three inches in length, with double strand of No. 2 fiddle string, is employed, and the point pierced at the seat of election, and the mass fixed. The needle is not allowed to perforate the opposite wall, but is guided around to emerge at original opening. Gradual tightening of strands is advisable unless you are sure you have isolated the vas and artery.