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THE REMOVAL OF THE FIBROID UTERUS BY THE ABDOMEN, WITH REPORT OF TEN SUCCESSFUL CASES.*

(Author's Abstract.)

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Twenty years ago he was strongly opposed to operative treatment of fibroids on account of the high mortality then prevailing among the best operators. Ten years ago he became a strong advocate of Apostoli's method of electrical treatment by which he had cured the hemorrhage permanently in sixty-three out of a hundred and two cases in ten years. Eight years ago Price lowered the mortality enough to induce him to operate in certain cases with the *serre noeud*. Baer farther reduced the mortality, and he adopted his method and operated oftener. Three years ago Pryor perfected an ideal method which has almost no mortality, and which he (Laphorn Smith) had adopted, and to which he gave the preference over all other treatment in every case of fibroid suffering enough to consult him. He claimed that he had acted consistently throughout, being guided by the one test question, "What is the mortality?" In his last ten successive cases, seven last year and three this year, all had recovered. Therefore the operation

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