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One of the most interesting and instructive experiences I had during the past summer was an afternoon spent with Dr. Apostoli of Paris at his gynæcological clinic. A pupil of Tripier, the doctor is tolerably well known as an earnest and enthusiastic worker with that most powerful and efficacious, but still imperfectly understood, remedial agent, electricity. It may be said with perfect truth that all, or nearly all, we know of electricity in the treatment of the diseases peculiar to women has been worked out by Tripier and Apostoli, but it must be admitted that the pupil now outshines the master. By the kindness of Dr. Apostoli I had ample opportunity to verify the results he claims to obtain in the treatment of uterine myoma by this agent. These results are: arrest of hemorrhage, almost always the most urgent symptom, diminution of pain, and finally reduction of size, varying from one-fifth to one-third of the size of the tumor. So impressed was I that I ordered from M. Gaiffe, through Dr. Apostoli, a set of the necessary appliances, which I expect in a few days, when I hope to begin its employment in a class of cases which often give much anxiety in practice. Shortly after reaching home I received from the doctor a *resumé* of a paper read by him at the last meeting of the French Association for the Advancement of Science, with a request that I should translate it for the CANADA MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL. This