

represents seventy-one per cent. Feeling that this change of pressure might have some causative influence in at least a share of the cases, I have so far as possible looked up the reports with the following results:—

AUTHOR.	No. of Cases.	CONDITION.	SIDE.	RESULT.
Schenck	4	Perineal repair.		Recovery.
	19	Hystero-myomectomy.		"
	9	Ovarian cystomata.		"
	5	Hysterectomy for carcinoma.		"
	3	Suspension.		"
	4	Suspension with repair.		"
	1	Hysterectomy for inflammation.		"
	3	Miscellaneous.		"
Lennander	5	Appendectomy.		
Willy Meyer	2	Appendectomy.	Left.	"
Strauch.....	1	Hystero-myomectomy.	"	
	1	Right ovarian cyst.	"	
	1	Large tumour of left ovary.	"	
Van der Veer....	1	Angioma of lobus Spigelii.	"	
	1	Large bilateral ovarian tumours.	"	
	1	Large fibroid, filling pelvis.	"	
	1	Recurrent Appendicitis.	"	
Coe	1	Perineal operation with removal of both adnexa.		
	1	L. oophorectomy, appendectomy.		
	1	Cyst of l. ovary, appendectomy.		
	1	Left dermoid, filling abdomen.		
	1	Cyst of ovaries.		
	1	Operation for inversio uteri.		
	1	Trachelorrhaphy.		

Sixty-nine cases, divided as follows:—Appendectomy, eight; perineal, five, while for the removal of abdominal tumours, whether benign, malignant or inflammatory there were forty-four or sixty-four per cent.

The reports of Wyder and of Mahler and Leopold were also consulted, but they are concerned rather with the occurrence of post operative pulmonary embolism, arising both from crural and pelvic thromboses, most frequently the latter.

In this connection I must recall the fact that in the above reported case a truss had been worn for many years, and was only permanently removed at the time of the operation. Again the bandages owing to some degree of restlessness on the part of the patient, were only lightly held in place and exercised no pressure over the wound. Adding then this case to the above there are seventy cases, forty-five of which or sixty-five per cent. followed conditions of decreased pressure.

If, however, we subtract from these seventy cases those in which, as for instance the appendix cases, there was undoubted infection in other parts of the body, we have left sixty-two cases of which forty-five or seventy-three per cent. were dependant on operations which brought about conditions of lessened local tension.