

to the mistake which is often made of packing the cavity of the uterus and cervical canal tightly with gauze and leaving the channel blocked for five or six days. Drainage, he says, must be maintained and the surfaces kept clean by irrigation of the cavity until a normal endometrium has been reproduced. He finishes the operation by irrigation with hot solution of compound tincture of iodine, one ounce to the pint. (I apply equal parts of pure carbolic acid and Churchill's tincture of iodine on an applicator through a cervical speculum which is removed as soon as the applicator has reached the fundus). Subsequent treatment will consist of another thorough irrigation through the double current catheter, with a hot solution at the end of forty-eight hours, and repeated every second day for at least a week, during which time the patient is kept confined to bed. At the expiration of a week she is permitted to get up if there is no rise of temperature and no pain, and the irrigation of the cavity of the uterus is repeated every second or third day at the office as long as any discharge continues, or there remains in the cavity anything to be washed away. The same author has written an interesting article in the "St. Louis Medical Review," June 30, on senile degeneration of the endometrium, diagnosis and treatment. The symptoms resemble in some respects those of cancer—there is an offensive discharge in a woman well advanced in years past the menopause, with an emaciated cachetic condition of the system, associated with which there may be a granular erosion of the cervix or about the external os and a history of more or less irregular bleeding. There will be impaired digestion, loss of appetite, insomnia, nervousness, cold extremities and a poor circulation, an itching of the skin not necessarily confined to the genitals, headache, particularly at the top of the head or below the occipital region and backache referred to the lumbar or sacral region. There is a pent-up discharge within the uterus which decomposes, and, when its presence in sufficient quantity sets up contractions and is expelled, it burns and excoriates the vagina and vulva, which will then become covered with red spots, especially if it is very acrid. The treatment which Dr.