

## ON FIVE CASES OF PYOSALPINGITIS.\*

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Case I. was a Mrs. M., 37 years of age, mother of four children, last child thirteen years of age. She had also a miscarriage eleven years ago. She began to menstruate at the age of seventeen and was married soon after. Her periods had always been profuse. It was learned from her family physician that her husband had given her gonorrhoea about the time of her miscarriage, since which she had never been a day well. She presented the dirty, bronzed complexion, characteristic of poisoning either by pus or faeces. It was ascertained that she had always been troubled with constipation, her bowels not being moved more than once in eight days unless she took medicine. She stated that she passed water fifty times a day. Since eleven years she has suffered constantly from pain in the sides and down the thighs, besides having had several attacks of pelvic peritonitis, the last one occurring six months ago, from which she nearly died. On examination she was found to have a lacerated perineum, lacerated cervix, and a pair of large pus tubes adherent to the ovaries and both bound down in Douglas' cul de sac. Three operations at one sitting were strongly urged, but she would only consent to the cervix operation, promising to submit to abdominal section later if she did not improve after the repair of the cervix. Schroeder's operation was accordingly performed, the greatest possible care being taken not to disturb the diseased appendages. All went well until the twelfth day, when she was allowed to get up, but an hour afterwards she was taken with an acute attack of pelvic peritonitis. It was evident that the pus tubes were either leaking or that they had burst, and immediate laparotomy was decided upon, but before the family's consent could be

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