

the round ligaments were shortened. The uterus is well up, but she had a little trouble with one buried silk-worm gut stitch which worked its way out two months later. So far she has not become pregnant, although many other Alexander cases have done so. Patients attach so much importance to this little inconvenience, quite forgetting that the operation has restored them to health, that I now feel very loath to leave any buried non-absorbable ligatures, preferring to use chromacized catgut.

On the 15th of January three patients were admitted. A Mrs. B., 29 years of age, came to the Montreal Dispensary, stating that she was obliged to earn her own living, as her husband had deserted her three months before, and that for two years she had been suffering almost constant pain in her ovaries, which was worse at her periods. I removed them a few days later, and has been heard of since much better.

Mrs. S. had her tubes and ovaries removed two years before for large pus tubes, from which operation she made a very good recovery, so that she was able to work as cook in a large boarding-house. She came in for a week's rest, and then returned to her work, and I mention the case because there is a popular impression that a woman is never good for much after a laparotomy. I could recall several hundred cases to prove the contrary.

Mrs. G., age 50, the mother of eighteen children, was the third case admitted that day. A few days later she was operated on for piles, which were very large, and which I removed by the method I always employ: a Whitehouse operation by which the whole of the pile-bearing area was removed, after tying off in four segments; and then the mucous membrane of the rectum was united to the skin with a running black silk stitch. The result was all that could be desired; she has been seen since and has no trouble. We take care in all cases of piles to keep the bowels liquid with compound liquorice powder.

On the 20th a Miss A. came in for a week's rest. She had had fixation of a floating kidney two years before, but