

HEMOPTYSIS—TREATMENT BY ATOMIZER.—Dr. Holden, of Newark, New Jersey, (*Medical Record*), invites attention to a simple and efficacious method of checking hæmoptysis by "throwing the atomized vapor of a saturated solution of gallic acid directly into the mouth and throat. I have repeatedly found the most gratifying success follow at once, even in cases of profuse hæmorrhage. Unlike other styptics thus administered, it quiets the spasmodic cough, which seems the direct result of the presence of the blood, requires but a moment to prepare, and aside from its efficacy, it inspires immediately the confidence of the patient. My habit has been to have an atomizer and bottle of gallic acid always at hand, and when summoned hastily to mix the acid in a tumbler of cold water, and use even without waiting for the excess of acid to subside. It has proved successful in several cases where the blood was streaming from the mouth with every expiration.—(*Medical Cosmos*.)

OVARIOTOMY DURING PREGNANCY.—At a recent meeting of the London Obstetrical Society, Dr. Eugene Goddard read the particulars of a successful case of ovariectomy during pregnancy. The patient was 29 years of age, and in 1870 was found to be the subject of an ovarian cyst, but as there was no urgent symptoms, the consideration of any surgical treatment was deferred. She then became pregnant; and about the end of the second month of utero-gestation, Mr. Spencer Wells removed the ovarian cyst. Eleven and a half pints of fluid was withdrawn. The clamp was removed and the bowels acted on the eighth day. Pregnancy went on uninterruptedly, and a living child was born at the full period. Dr. Goddard said that the compound nature of the cyst, precluded the idea of tapping, as also did the risk of peritonitis, suppuration of the cyst, and the formation of adhesions. Premature labour was not induced, because the patient was already beginning to suffer constitutional disturbance from the double burden, and it was doubtful whether, by the time a viable child could be born, they would not have assumed such magnitude as to imperil the patient's safety, whereas, if abortion were induced, the child would be lost, and the tumor would remain.

Dr. Ross related a case in which Mr. Wells had operated