

4. Blood may pocket in the vagina and hide the sutures, in a way even more annoying than is the case in the perineal operation.

Whereas, The local conditions are as follows, in reality :

1. The vaginal walls have been over-distended so recently that they are held back without much trouble.

2. The cervix is so long and flabby that it is easy drawn into view. After long labors the anterior lip is often visible at the vulva. It is after long labors that rents are most commonly found, and it is only for lacerations extending to the vaginal wall that the operation is proposed.

3. The seizure on both sides of the laceration checks hæmorrhage. This cessation is so distinct as to be somewhat surprising, and it seems to point to the cervical vessels as the source of the bleeding in those cases where a firmly contracted uterus bleeds. In two of my cases the flow was very free until the cervix was caught, when it ceased at once.

One other consideration deserves mention. The involution of the uterus has been remarkably rapid and complete in all these cases, the cervix particularly regaining a nulliparous size in less than three weeks.—Dr. Dickinson, in *Brooklyn Med. Jour.*

PULMONARY RESPIRATION.—M. Cohr, of Copenhagen, sums up the results of his researches on this subject thus :

1. The tension of the gases in the arterial blood and in the expired air, is such, that the difference in pressure on opposite sides of the walls of the air vesicles, can not be the cause which determines the passage of the gases through the lung tissues.

2. This fact manifests itself especially during the inspiration of air containing carbonic acid.

3. The tension of carbonic acid and of oxygen in the arterial blood, varies very much in different individuals placed under identical external influences ; it may even vary with the same individual without any appreciable change as to external conditions having occurred. We can therefore consider the absorption and elimination of gases in the lungs as analogous to the phenomena comprised under the name of glandular secretions. Like other organs, the lungs cannot exercise their special function, except within certain limits marked by external physical conditions. This is shown by exposing the organism to air poor in oxygen but rich in carbonic acid. Outside of these extremes, the special action of the pulmonary tissue is the principal course determining the tension of gases in the blood.—*La France Med.*

FOR SWEATING FEET.—It is said that a solution of permanganate of potash, gr. 20 to the ounce, is an efficient application in hyperidrosis of the feet.

EVERY physician has some peculiarity or "fad," call it what you like, in treating the cases which come before him. Some are always on the *qui vive* for brain cases, others for heart lesions, others lung mischief, others liver troubles, while some are very sweet on the supra-renal capsules. It is the same with drugs, one cures everything with pot. iodide ; another is equally successful with hrydrarg. perchlor. ; and a third gets splendid results with mag. sulph. and peppermint water. "The *primæ vie*, gentlemen must be kept clear." A second year's student at one of the Metropolitan hospitals has in the following lines noted a few of the stock "wheezes" of the physicians he is studying under :—

"If in your mind suspicion lurks,
Get a hammer, try their jerks."

"If palpitation wildly start,
Percuss and auscultate the heart ;
All arterial tension try ;
'You'll be better by-and-bye.'"

"If in the stomach there be pain,
Give gentian, and say, 'Call again.'
If still the patient wildly cuss
His coccygeal gland percuss,
Its area marked in pencil blue
Should satisfy the veriest Jew.

"Ere this case be carried off
Be sure and auscultate the cough ;
Fluid lurks, if doubt there be
Stick a needle in and see."

"Digestion wrong, and brain all clogged,
The man is simply water-logged.
His bowel in its duty halts,
Just give a dose of Epsom salts ;
His brain can stimulated be
By sunshine and some *eau de vie*.

"Your case could better treated be ;
Leave all G.P.'s and follow me."
(*Aside*) When in my hand the fee is press'd,
Nature will do all the rest."

"You're hurried in the mortal race,

By business cares you are oppress'd.
A diet sheet I would suggest.
It seems of all my glorious race
I'm privileged to treat this case ;
And if in treating of the same
I gain a grand and glorious name,
My fame for aye it shall endure—
For constipation I can cure."

The author does not append his name or state the particular hospital to which he is attached, from which we assume that he is not inclined to give any assistance in the identification of the gentlemen referred to.—*Hosp. Gaz.*

AS IT WAS THEN.—A statute of Henry VII, says an exchange, runs as follows :—The practice of the healing art should be limited to those persons that be profound, sad and discreet, groundly-learned and deeply studied in physics.