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### MISTAKES IN GYNECOLOGY.\*

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Some time ago I had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting paper on this subject by a distinguished specialist from Buffalo. I remember how he pointed out mistakes of omission in neglecting to examine cases suggestive of grave disease of the pelvis and in failing to diagnose simple pathological conditions; mistakes of commission in using septic instruments and the abuse of uterine sounds and pessaries. Most of the errors complained of were so gross that they must have been made by untrained men, so that I felt the paper referred to mistakes of so-called practitioners from the point of view of a gynecologist.

I propose to speak of the same subject but to call attention to mistakes of so-called gynecologists from the standpoint of a general practitioner. I fear this is presumption; but I must beg of you to consider that I am not criticising gynecologists but the doings of those who profess this specialty without qualification, and that my criticisms are largely conveyed in quotations from the writings of men of acknowledged ability. Competition is so keen that means of increasing popularity are sought after by

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