

Selected Articles.

LOBULATED INTRA-UTERINE FIBROID TUMOR SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED.

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Mrs. S— B—, thirty-six years of age, married, and the mother of two children, the younger of whom was born eleven years ago, was brought to my office for examination on the 19th of last July.

Appearance anæmic, much debilitated, stomach irritable, with scarcely any appetite, and frequent nausea. During the last nine years she has been subject to copious hemorrhages, aggravated at the menstrual periods, for which she has been attended by several physicians, without much benefit.

On examination, *per vaginam*, the uterus was found considerably enlarged, the sound passed four and one-half inches. She was told that it would be necessary to dilate the womb, in order to ascertain the precise nature of her disease, and, for greater convenience of access, she took up her residence with a married sister in the adjoining town of Wakefield.

A sponge tent was readily inserted on Thursday, July 21st, allowed to remain five hours, and a second tent inserted, which was removed next morning. On account of the extreme heat of the weather, and the near approach of her menstrual flow, nothing more was attempted till Friday, July 29th, when a third tent was inserted, removed after five hours, and replaced by an extra large sponge tent, which was allowed to remain over night. On its removal, the presence of a lobulated fibrous tumor, attached to the body of the uterus, and especially to the posterior wall and fundus, could be distinctly felt.

The patient and her husband were informed of the state of affairs, and a consultation recommended, to which they cheerfully consented. Dr. H. R. Storer, of Boston, was consulted, and agreed to visit and operate, if thought advisable, on the following Tuesday (August 2nd). He was unfortunately prevented from attending by personal sickness. Dr. Sullivan, of Malden, Drs. Stevens and Brown of Stoneham, and Dr. Abbott, of Wakefield, were present. The patient was fully etherized; a sponge tent, which had been put in on the preceding evening, removed, and a portion of the attachment broken up by the fingers and scissors. Several attempts were then made to pass the chain of an