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Gentlemen,—The subject of the lecture for this morning is, if judged by its frequency and the amount of distress it causes the unfortunate sufferer, one of the most important that can engage our attention. You will meet with it in a great variety of circumstances, and unless you are forewarned, you may, perhaps, diagnose the disease when it is not actually present.

While in some respects the disease resembles cystitis in our own sex, it differs from it in many others. These differences refer mainly to the causation, as influenced by that important adjacent organ, the uterus, with its remarkable functions and the many diseases to which it is subject. This is neither the time nor the place to enter into a detailed consideration of cystitis in women. Those of you who may wish to pursue further the study of the subject, I refer to Skene's work on the "Diseases of the Female Bladder and Urethra," and Winckel's Treatise in Billroth's *Handbuch der Frauenkrankheiten*. I purpose, therefore, to consider it in some of its more practical aspects as it presents itself to the practitioner. It is divided into *acute* and *chronic*. It may affect each or all of the coats of the bladder, and so be of the *mucosa*, of the peritoneal investment, or of the muscu-