

from certain death one-half of the number of lives he has been enabled to save.

Up to the present time I am tolerably contented with my results. I give here a short account of them, in order to encourage the performance of these operations, and especially to inform the colleagues into whose hands these lines may fall that I have personally, no reason for supposing that the results attendant upon ovariotomy will be less cheering in Vienna than they are in London. Hitherto, I have performed it nine times; and of these patients only two have died, giving, therefore, only a mortality of 22.2 per cent. The first four cases recovered one after another; then two fatal cases occurred, to be followed again by three recoveries. The first case is related in my Zurich "Chirurgische Klinik," and the second, third, and fourth cases in the "Chirurgische Klinik," published at Vienna, in 1868.

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### BLACK SMALL-POX, AND ITS TREATMENT.

Mr. John Aiken, of Glasgow, has the following valuable article in the *Glasgow Medical Journal*:—

The onset of this fearful form, in most of its symptoms, resembles that of ordinary small-pox. It is attended by the usual sickness, fever, furred tongue, etc., but in addition there is very great oppression of the breathing, and great prostration of strength. The pain in the back, so often looked upon as pathognomonic, is quite a variable symptom, its place being occupied by the hurried and oppressed respiration. The patient is usually brought to the hospital about the fourth or fifth day of the disease, but in a few cases we have had the privilege of observing its progress from an earlier date. The ordinary state of patients on admission, and progress of the disease, may be described as follows:

The patient lies on his back, apparently exhausted, the legs stretched out, and the arms and hands lying as if powerless, by the sides. The face is flushed, and a deep red colour, with more or less of a cyanotic hue. The respirations are hurried, imperfect, and not filling the chest—often exceeding 30 per minute. The pulse runs from 100 to 140, and, at this time, is full, but soft, and often intermitting. The skin is hot, and gives to the hand a feeling of acridity, while the thermometer records from 104° Far.