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ALEXANDER'S OPERATION OF SHORTENING THE ROUND LIGAMENTS.

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Mrs. —, aged 29, married eleven years. She has had four children at full term and three miscarriages, the last miscarriage occurring twelve months before operation. About eighteen months ago she consulted me for uterine trouble. I found a retroflexed, but moveable, uterus. There was no evidence of past pelvic inflammation. The treatment she underwent during the following few months seemed to benefit her a good deal, but her health failed somewhat on the occurrence of pregnancy. The uterus now became gradually incarcerated in the pelvic excavation. The sharply retroflexed fundus could not be forced from its position without using greater force than was thought justifiable. At about the third month of gestation the patient miscarried. The fundus uteri could then be lifted forwards, but on removing digital pressure it would fall back again. All manner of retroflexion pessaries were now tried without benefit. Columning the vagina with the boro-glyceride tampon once a week seemed to be the only procedure which would support the displaced uterus, and then only when placed in a very careful manner. Attended to in this way, however, the patient could walk long distances and feel perfectly well and free from pain, and it was this fact which led me to regard her's as being a suit-