

Linen is boiled eight or ten minutes with instruments. Towels, dressings, aprons, etc., are sterilized by steaming two hours, a Scanl - Morris sterilizer being used. Gloves are boiled in plain water and repaired by using Goodrich cement No. 1, Akron, Ohio. Rubber tissue is washed with soap and cold water, rolled in gauze and kept in bichlor. sol. 1/1,000. The iodoform gauze used is purchased already prepared and is sterilized each day before using. The hands of operators are prepared by thoroughly scrubbing with soap and water, then with Harrington's solution, followed by alcohol. The solution in the basin for the hands during operation is 1/4,000 bichloride.

MAXIMS FROM ST. MARY'S CLINIC.

Surgery is too serious a matter to use as suggestive therapeutics.

The success of all kinds of quackery depends upon the fact that we have not been sufficiently honest with our patients.

Neurasthenia should never be made the basis of an operation.

In goitre operations be careful not to remove the para-thyroid. It resembles a piece of fat, somewhat harder, and about the size of a Lima bean. Removal is apt to be followed by tetany.

If high pulse rate returns after removal of a part of the gland in exophthalmic goitre, it means that you have not taken enough. Operate again.

The autrum of infection in tubercular adenitis is usually the tonsil. Five per cent. of all tonsils removed here are tubercular.

To enlarge an opening in the direction of right angles to the fibres of the muscle, cut the fascia over the muscle. This will allow the muscle to stretch.

It is better to think wrongly than not to think at all.

The effect of palliative operations is generally pernicious.

We have no license to do mutilating operations because the case is hopeless.

Do not bring surgery into disrepute by operating upon hopeless cases; the friends will generally blame the operation, and other cases will be deterred from seeking early surgical relief.

Strychnine, nitroglycerine and hypodermic syringes have no place in the operating room.

Forty per cent. of "gastric" ulcers are in the duodenum.

The excretory duct of a hollow organ never lies at its lowest level.

Prolonged rest in bed after operations favors phlebitis.

Attacks of pain in the upper abdomen, passing off with vomiting, indicate gallstones.