

in the operation of *nephro-lithotomy*. During the past year Mr. Jordan Lloyd* of Leeds, England, has introduced a method of exploration of the kidney which is a great improvement on the old needle puncture. He advises puncture of the lower end of the kidney with a long-bladed tenotome in a direction upwards and inwards till the lowest of the calyces is reached; a small, short-beaked child's bladder sound is then introduced, and the calyces and pelvis explored. In June last I had an opportunity of putting Mr. Lloyd's method into practice, and found it a simple and admirable one. The patient had been subject for several years to attacks of renal colic; latterly the pain had been continuous, and was located in the left lumbar region and down the course of the ureter; great pain was felt on pressing over the left kidney. He had never had any blood or pus in his urine. Knowing the comparative harmlessness of the operation of nephrotomy, and having had experience in several other cases, I determined to cut down on the painful kidney and examine it. When the kidney was reached the exploration was made with the greatest facility and with but little disturbance of the parts. After incising the lower end of the kidney with a bistoury, the short-beaked sound was introduced and the pelvis and calyces of the kidney thoroughly explored, but without result; no stone was found. The hemorrhage from the kidney, which was free, was easily controlled by pressure. The wound was closed and a drainage tube placed at its lower end. Urine ceased to come from the wound after the second day. In ten days the patient was out on the gallery, and in two weeks the wound had soundly healed. The pain which previously had been most intense was much relieved, and has since almost entirely disappeared. When last seen the patient was attending to his work and looked strong and healthy. I might mention that a woman from whom I removed a kidney in September, 1884, for calculous pyelitis, is still alive and in good health, and since the operation has given birth to three healthy children. Another operation which is finding favor in the eyes of surgeons is *nephrorrhaphy* or fixation of a floating kidney. Removal of the kidney was formerly prac-

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