

the hemorrhage and the growth of the tumor. This she would not consent to on account of the dread of the operation. Her physician then sent her to me. On examination a hard mass about the size of a foetal head was felt in the anterior wall of the uterus, and the tubes and ovaries were tender to the touch. Before undertaking the electrical treatment I fully explained to her that it was tedious and troublesome, and would require two or three months stay in the city, and although it was pretty certain to arrest the flow, having done so in more than sixty cases, it was by no means certain to make the tumor disappear. On the other hand, I told her I could remove the uterus with the tumor in half an hour, and if she recovered that would be the end of it. She insisted upon the electricity, which was accordingly begun on the 18th December. From that date until the 18th January, she had about forty applications, a considerable portion of the time being lost by the periods and by two weeks absence at Christmas.

By this time the amount of the flow was reduced to normal; she had quite a rosy complexion and a splendid appetite, better than she had ever had in her life. The headaches which she had had almost constantly before left her entirely from the first treatment. Also the backache, which had been severe before, completely disappeared. She and her friends were satisfied with the result, and I would have allowed her to go home but she suggested that I should first curette her, as I had suggested this as one of the alternative treatments instead of electricity. Thinking that this would make her cure more certain I agreed to do it, and she entered my private hospital for the purpose. While curetting under anæsthesia I discovered that the sound could be passed in a distance of seven inches by passing it in a certain direction instead of four and a half inches, to which distance it had generally entered while using electricity. Iodine and carbolic were thoroughly applied, and the cavity was packed with iodoform gauze. As she was to go home in a few days she wished for one more application of the galvanic current, and this I gave her with the sound six inches in the uterus. Next day severe bearing down pains set in, and the patient became very hysterical and nervous. She could not tolerate opium