

Don't ever suspect the wife of contaminating the husband with gonorrhea, until after you have thoroughly overhauled the gentleman in question, for all husbands are not innocent even if they were born so.

Don't pronounce every vaginal discharge of your patients leucorrhea, for variety is the spice of married life, even with many "amen" "hubbies."

Don't use diluted phenol in your vaginal practice. Many corroded services originate in this way. Use the simon pure article for cauterization only.

Don't breathe the name of a sexless woman. Eunuchs are no less despised than this class of unfortunate martyrs.

Don't fail to learn early in your career that your tongue is the keenest instrument you may possess and like a scalpel, should be used only when absolutely necessary.

Don't abruptly terminate your acquaintance with an aggravated case, as success comes slowly, and impediments should always stimulate you.

Don't think you will cure every female who places her case in your hands. Should this be true, nothing would be left to whet your ambition on.

Don't testify before any tribunal against a gynecologic patient, where virtue is involved. A cell for contempt of court in this instance is far better than having the contempt of all the petticoats.

Don't cure your female patients too quickly. No woman as a rule is willing to submit to treatment unless she has been convinced that her's is a complicated case.

Don't content yourself with being masterful and invincible. Too much confidence in his skill and ability brought the great Napoleon to his Waterloc.

Don't forget finally that the poorest and humblest may be as modest and as chaste as the highest and richest.

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