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CASE OF VAGINAL HYSTERECTOMY.

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VAGINAL hysterectomy is now a recognized and successful operation for a disease which, for a long time, was the opprobrium of gynecology.

Before this, the high amputation of the cervix was the best that could be done; but, sooner or later, the disease was sure to return, and, of course, prove fatal. Some even now prefer the high operation to vaginal hysterectomy, but limit it to cases seen very early, and which are not very extensive.

Vaginal hysterectomy does not always prevent recurrence of the disease, but it offers the best results, and the only hope of permanent recovery. It stands to reason that a complete operation must be more successful than a partial one, and where the whole organ with the disease is removed the chances of non-recurrence are better than when only the cervix is amputated.

The immediate mortality from the operation is small, if properly per-