

6. Cancer before the age of 35 is commoner in women than in men, and in both sexes shows a tendency to affect the generative tract. The second paper is on the sites of cancer and is contributed by Dr. Lazarus-Barlow and Dr. Gordon Taylor. An attempt is made to ascertain whether the general increase in cancer affects every organ or not. The statistics appear to show that an increase in the mortality from cancer has occurred in the alimentary tract, stomach, colon, and rectum and anus in both sexes; in the lip, tongue, floor of the mouth, cheek, and esophagus in males; and in the uterus and breast in females. On the other hand, there was a diminution in mortality from cancer of the lip, tongue, floor of the mouth and vulva in females, and from rodent ulcer and cancer of the skin in both sexes.—*J. A. M. A.*

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SOME NEGLECTED SYMPTOMS OF NON-SURGICAL GYNECOLOGY.

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It is but a lack of inquisitiveness on the part of the general practitioner that has brought about a condition of things in gynecological practice that warrants the assertion so often reiterated in current surgical literature, that "Modern gynecology belongs, practically, to the field of operative surgery."

The successful physician, with a characteristic personality of inquisitiveness, can boldly refute such assertions and substantiate his refutation by the thankfulness of a happy clientele of woman-kind released from a thralldom of suffering by his inquisitiveness.

Diseases of the female organs of generation are more common than any but a physician can suppose, and surgical gynecology has become a necessity from an early neglect of backaches, spineaches and headaches, followed by irregular, scanty painful, delayed or suppressed menstruation during girlhood. The inquisitive physician rushes not into instrumental interference, nor sends such patients to certain specialists for officious mutilation, but first a volley of seek-further questions at the patient which elicit the information that such patient passed her days of approaching puberty in an over-crowded public school, or, worse,