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One of the most practical articles written during the last three months is the one read by Dr. William Gardner, of Montreal, at the Ottawa meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, every word of which will be endorsed by gynecologists generally throughout the world. Much of it was devoted to the mistakes he had met with among cases sent to him by general practitioners, although he did not spare himself, frankly admitting and describing some of the mistakes he had made himself. In order to reduce the number of these errors in diagnosis, he urged the examination of the patients on a hard deal table instead of on a soft bed or couch. Also many of the mistakes were due to the examination being made with the rectum and bladder full. The rectum, of course, should be emptied by enema at home, but the bladder, he thought, might with advantage be emptied by catheter in the office by the physician, as thereby a pure specimen of urine could be obtained for analysis. It is often difficult to make a thorough bimanual examination without an anæsthetic on account of the tension of the abdominal muscles. Dr. Gardner suggests making a series of circular movements over the lower abdomen, gradually narrowing the circle which will cause the muscles to relax by taking them off their guard. Dr. Gardner urged greater caution in the use of the sound, believing that many women had lost their