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In the report of my cases which have appeared from time to time, I have several times referred to the frequency of appendicitis as a complication of disease of the right tube. I have just received a brochure on this subject from Dr. McLaren, of St. Paul, in which he states that, out of fifty-eight cases of diseased tubes and ovaries the appendix vermiformis was affected enough to require removal in twenty of them. also reports several cases of right-sided dysmenorrhoea which were not benefited by any treatment, even including dilatation and curetting, which were immediately permanently cured by removal of the appendix. This experience entirely coincides with my own. I believe that constipation, which is so frequent in young girls, causes infection of the appendix by the colon bacillus, and the infected appendix, becoming heavy, drops into the pelvis and infects the tube and ovary in the right side.

I was glad to see by his article that he holds the same opinion as myself on the best method of removing the appendix, namely to cut it off as closely as possible to the cæcum and then to treat the hole in the latter as a bullet wound by applying a purse string suture of cat gut first to the muscular layer and a second one to the peritoneum, thus avoiding abscesses from sloughing of the stump, which frequently oc-