

outside the labia. I removed, at intervals covering several years, three such polypi from one patient.

(d) *Other Varieties.*—Those growing in the neighborhood of the cul-de-sac of Douglas, either in front or behind the rectum, become a very serious bar to delivery, and I have performed Caesarian section on three occasions owing to the presence of this condition. Growths growing in the cervix, either in front or behind, may also become a serious menace to delivery; I have, however, seen such large growths gradually compressed and pushed above the pelvic brim, and the patient delivered without mishap, when we were quite prepared to perform Caesarian section. Tumors growing in the anterior lip of the cervix produce serious bladder disturbances, retention of urine being one of the most common of these. The removal of growths situated either in front or behind the cervix, or in the cervix itself, is necessarily fraught with much danger; in front, damage to the ureters; behind, damage to the pelvic vessels. On one occasion I was forced to remove a tumor growing in the anterior cervical lip and causing retention of urine, and after the removal there was an opening in the vagina large enough to admit a fist. The patient was prepared for death upon the table, but fortunately rallied from the shock and made a good recovery, contrary to the expectations of all those connected with the case.

#### CHANGES IN THE TUMOR.

Congestion.

Edema.

Cystic degeneration.

Necrosis, with or without suppuration.

Calcareous change.

Malignant disease.

(a) Myxomatous degeneration.

(b) Sarcomatous degeneration.

*Congestion.*—No matter where situated in the pelvis, fibroid tumors are affected by the presence of an intra or an extra uterine pregnancy and by menstruation. In either of these conditions, the capsule of the tumor carrying the blood supply becomes much congested, and, as a consequence, for the time being, the tumors increase in size. Owing to the fact that pregnancy is continued over a period of nine months, the congestion remains continuous, and the growth of the tumors is much greater; the menstrual congestion coming on but for a short time, and ceasing, does not add so rapidly to the size. In cases of pregnancy, I have often considered that it is a race between