

the tube, which was hard and swollen, and closed. The quarter of an ovary was allowed to remain, as she was only twenty-four years of age, and was engaged to be married. She made an excellent recovery and was hard at work in a wholesale millinery store seven weeks after, and has had no pain or inconveniences of any kind since.

On the second of January Mrs. M. was admitted for cystitis; she was a working woman exposed to cold; she was kept in bed for one week on Buchu tea, hot lemonade and hot douches, with the result that she was quite cured, and has had no return of it since.

On the fifth of January Mrs. McN. was sent by Dr. Sharpe for a femoral hernia, for which she had been wearing a truss for fifteen years until there was a raw ulcerated surface the size of a silver dollar. Some of the staff raised the question whether it was safe to open the peritoneal cavity in the presence of an ulcerating surface on the skin. I might mention here that this never debars me from operating, as I have absolute faith in my ability to disinfect even such a surface with permanganate, oxalic acid and bichloride of mercury. The sac was found and the ring formed by Gimbernat's ligament and Poupart's was divided; the sac was opened; the bowel, which was adherent, was replaced in the abdomen, the sac was tied off and the femoral ring closed by four interrupted chromacized catgut stitches, one of which lasted so long that it was thrown off by nature three months later, without, however, causing much inconvenience. She has been working hard ever since, keeping a grocery store and supporting nine children. I might also add that I have done more than fifty hernia operations, inguinal, femoral, omental and ventral, every one of which has been a perfect success, some of them on quite old women, and all of them wearing a truss and incapacitated from doing hard work until they were operated on, since which they have been completely cured.

On the 7th January a Mrs. B. came in for metritis; she had had double hydrosalpina removed five years before by me at the Western hospital, since which she has been troubled off