

procidencia uteri. She was a virgin twenty years of age, and employed as a domestic servant. I found an organ like a penis four inches long protruding from between the labia. It could be pulled out to five inches and the sound entered six and a half inches forwards. As it caused her a great deal of inconvenience, and in case of her marriage might lead to misunderstanding, I sent her in to the Samaritan Hospital to have it removed. This was easily done by detaching the vagina all round and then splitting up the cervix a distance of four inches, and amputating the flaps. The uterine arteries were not met with, or if met with were pushed aside, as they were not seen; there was very little bleeding, which was easily controlled by a catgut ligature. The vagina was then attached to the cervical canal. The patient was then placed on the laparotomy table and ventrofixation done through a very small incision. She made a good recovery, and has been working as a housemaid ever since.

*Case of Multiple Fibroid Tumors of the Uterus.*—Hospital number 554. Mrs. L., 42 years of age, sent to me on the 13th of March by Drs. Jeannotte and Hopkins. She had been bleeding profusely for several years, and the mass of tumors had increased in size until she was as large as a woman six or seven months pregnant. The pressure symptoms had become very severe, and her general health had suffered so much that she had become very thin and cachectic in appearance. An element of doubt had been thrown into the case by her periods having stopped for two months for the first time since they had first begun, and she had brown nipples and was sick at her stomach more than usual. There was no difficulty about diagnosing the fibroids, for the nodular masses could be felt and seen projecting up under the abdominal wall. But it was more difficult to ascertain whether there was anything in the uterus or not. Another point of interest was whether the tumor had already begun to undergo malignant degeneration, as is well known fibroids frequently do. In either case my mind was made up as to the proper course to pursue; that the sooner the uterus was removed, pregnant or not pregnant, malignant or not malignant, the better it would be for the patient. So I sent her into a private room in the Samaritan Hospital, and two days later I removed the ovaries and tubes and all the uterus except the cervix. All the arteries and the two round ligaments were found and tied in turn before being cut, so that there was no bleeding except what came from the separated tumor. The stump was carefully closed with catgut, and then the two layers of peritoneum forming the broad ligament were closed with a running suture of fine catgut. There was no shock and she made a splendid recovery. Her digestion improved almost from the first day, her color is rapidly getting better, and apart from this she looks and feels in the best of health.