

capsule, was simply a network of connective tissue strands, holding in their meshes, masses of pus in which no bacteria were demonstrable. Owing to the complete disappearance of all normal kidney tissue, it is safe to assume that the organ did not functionate for some time before removal."

Diagnosis—Pyelonephritis.

The operation was followed by practically no shock, and Mrs. McG. made an uninterrupted recovery. I have been surprised in a number of instances at the small amount of shock following nephrectomies. Dr. W. J. Mayo says there is very little risk about nephrectomy, even when the other kidney is somewhat diseased. The remaining kidney soon hypertrophies and takes on the function of both kidneys. Mrs. McG. is now in perfect health, the urine is normal, her distressing symptoms have entirely disappeared, and, in fact, she says she never felt so well in her life.

*SUCCESS IN CATARACT OPERATIONS

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,—The object in offering this paper is to induce discussion, elicit opinions, voice mistakes, because it is upon these latter circumstances that we can learn and from bitter experience, dearly bought, know how, in future, failure may be averted.

I would suggest that at the next meeting of this section, a symposium upon the errors, accidents and complications of cataract extraction be given. It could not fail to be instructive.

Genius is said to be "ability to take infinite pains." If this be so every good operator must be a genius, for there are a multiplicity of minute details, the observance of which means success to the operator.

The operation for cataract requires more nerve, skill, judgment, delicate manipulation, painstaking care before and painstaking care after, than any other done upon the human body. A cut a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch too little, or too much, here means failure or disaster, while in other regions of the body has little bearing upon the result. The chief aim of the operator is good vision, let the cosmetic results be what they may. When your hair becomes grey and you are a past master in the art of section making, then strive for optical appearances. Technique and manipulation may be faultless and

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