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THE SURGICAL TREATMENT OF RENAL TUBERCULOSIS.*

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One of the peculiar and interesting characteristics of the history of the evolution of surgery, is the fact that some one particular subject seems always to be uppermost. The attention of the surgical world is concentrated upon one thing which is discussed, experimented with and analysed, until it is settled upon the best possible basis under the existing guiding principles of surgery, when it is set aside and another subject occupies the field.

The subject of the treatment of tuberculosis of the kidney to-day has, I think, reached that satisfactory stage of its evolution at which we are prepared to write and close the chapter until some great new principle comes to shake and reorganize surgery, such as we have witnessed in the past.

On March 30th, 1893, I performed my first nephro-ureterectomy upon Miss C. R. (No. 1836), at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. She was at that time thirty-one years of age, reduced to a most pitiable condition, a nervous wreck, from the constant distressing calls to urinate every few minutes by day and by

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