

felt; in fact, the diagnosis was not made until after the patient had been tapped. In a case of solid tumor of the mesentery there was an ascites of moderate degree.

The association is one to which the attention of the profession has not been called sufficiently. I was so impressed with it in the case upon which Dr. Thomas operated, that I made a reference to solid tumors as a cause of recurring ascites in the first edition of my text-book (1892). The question of operation is a very important one; the solid ovarian tumor is usually benign, and, as mentioned, the cases in Dr. Kelly's clinic have uniformly recovered.—*Phil. Med. Jour.*

TYPANIC VERTIGO.

Dr. William P. Brandegee defined tympanic vertigo as that form characterized by changes or pathological conditions in the middle ear. These conditions of the middle ear comprised all those tubal changes caused by difference in atmospheric pressure; those changes in the tympanum due to inflammatory products, either fluid or solid; those changes due to connective tissue products, and those changes the result of residual products. The vertigo arising from venous engorgement of the walls of the Eustachian tube or from hypersecretion of the lining membrane, was usually mild in type, but where there were hypertrophic changes the vertigo was often exceedingly severe. Frequent inflation, preferably by the catheter, was indicated in the congestive cases. The use of the nasal douche in congestive conditions should be prohibited as a prophylactic measure. In the acute catarrhal and purulent cases early incision of the drum membrane might be indicated. After the subsidence of the acute symptoms there should be given a course of middle-ear inflation in order to restore the hearing and break up any adhesions that may exist. In the more severe inflammatory cases it might be necessary to remove the ossicles or even do a Stacke operation. The patency of the Eustachian tube should be restored, and, in the speaker's opinion, this was best accomplished by electrolysis.—*Medical Record.*

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