

Just fancy forty-three gastro-enterostomies, for supposed ulcers of the pylorus, some performed by himself in his earlier days, which were not only unnecessary, but did so much harm that they had to be undone, and all for symptoms due to gall-stones, which were cured when the latter were removed! Nature had set up reflex spasm of the pylorus and forthwith her warning was neglected and another unnatural condition was added to the gall-stone inflammation. My sometimes wavering faith in pathology as a clinical help has been greatly revived by the practical use the Mayos put it to. Across the hall from the operating room is the laboratory, and by a preconcerted signal the pathologist is there with a dish as Dr. Mayo lifts out a uterine or other tumour; between sixty and ninety seconds later he returns saying there is cancer in that uterus and Dr. Mayo removes the cervix very carefully, or in the case of a breast, he removes all the glands; or he reports there is no cancer, which makes the latter procedure unnecessary.

To give an idea of the amount of work done, I will give the list for Tuesday, the day I arrived: 1, Removal of the thyroid; 2, Chronic appendicitis; 3, Chronic appendicitis; 4, Chronic appendicitis; 5, Acute appendicitis; 6, Chronic appendicitis and hæmorrhoids; 7, Explore gall-bladder and common duct; 8, Explore gall-bladder and remove appendix; 9, Remove gall-bladder and appendix; 10, Remove cancer of breast, including both pectorals and axillary glands; 11, Complete removal of tuberculous glands of the neck; 12, Removal of gall-stones and appendix; 13, Umbilical hernia and fissure of anus; 14, Hysterectomy for fibroid; 15, Radical cure for hernia and fistula in ano; 16, Vaginal hysterectomy for complete prolapse of uterus; 17, Hæmorrhoids (clamp and cantery); 18, Removal of tuberculous kidney; 19, Removal of appendix and Meckel's diverticulum. *Case 5.*—Exploratory club foot; adenoid and tonsils; 22, Abscesses; 23, Abscesses; 24, Removal of adenoids and tonsils.

On Wednesday there was a case of cancer of the gall-bladder with a stone an inch long in the common duct, in a patient seventy-six years old and jaundiced. He had a section made of a piece of the gall-bladder and in one minute the report came back that it was cancer; so he removed the gall bladder and put in a No. 16 English soft rubber catheter into the common duct and sewed it in, and drained. *Case 2.*—Four or five faceted stones in gall-bladder and removal of appendix. *Case 3.*—Removal of appendix and shortening round ligaments by drawing them through an opening in external oblique fascia. *Case 4.*—Removal of appendix and Meckel's diverticulum. *Case 5.*—Exploratory incision for cancer of the stomach; could find no obstruction and closed up. *Case 6.*—Operation for tumour of uterus as large as a cocoanut;