

since given birth to a child. He performs his laparotomies in the ordinary recumbent position : draws the ovaries out of the abdominal opening. If the ovary is totally diseased he removes it : but if a part is found to be healthy, he amputates the affected portion, cauterizes the stump, and sews the end with silk. If there are some small cysts, he opens them by touching them with the Poquelin point. The ovary being returned to the abdomen, he examines and treats the other in a similar manner. Often as many as six small cysts are opened in this way in each ovary.—*Paris Correspondent Therapeutic Gazette.*

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SUGAR IN THE TREATMENT OF UTERINE INERTIA DURING LAEOR.—It remained for Mr. Bossi, of Gênes (*Rev. Illustr. Polytechnique Meicale*, May 30th, 1894), to make practical application of a theory propounded by Drs. Paoletti and Mosso, that sugar taken internally might be found to exhibit as stimulating an effect upon the group of uterine muscles as it has on voluntary muscles. Bossi administered a dose corresponding to an ounce of sugar in about eight ounces of water. A most excellent effect was observed after the first dose in all but one of the cases, the echolic action showing itself in from twenty to forty minutes and nearly always lasting till the birth of the child. In the other case a second dose had to be given. The contractions were always quite regular and free from any tetanic tendency.—*The North American Practitioner.*

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BITING THE NAILS.—Dr. Bérillon, as the result of an extensive inquiry, confirms his previously expressed opinion that onychophagia and similar habits are generally associated with degeneracy. The frequency of onychophagia varies greatly in different institutions. In some, two or three out of every ten children are addicted to biting their nails. A careful examination invariably reveals signs of degeneracy. The children are usually less healthy in appearance than others, presenting deformities of the skull and anomalies of the teeth and ears. In such subjects the teachers notice a marked antipathy to physical exercises and games requiring effort. They write poorly, and show marked inferiority in respect of manual dexterity. They are slow to learn ; they are incapable of continuous application ; in fact, they always exhibit an inferiority in some direction or other. The disciplinary measures usually resorted to to correct bad habits are powerless in this ; in the majority of cases only hypnotic suggestion seems to be capable of effecting a cure. The habit of biting the nails sometimes persists until late in life.—*Medical Week.*