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**RESULTS OF OVARIOTOMY, BEFORE AND AFTER  
ANTISEPTICS.**

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For the last ten years, I have used the large glass-tubes now in common use. Till I had learned in what cases to drain, the tube was used in alternate cases of the severe operations. I am as certain as I am of my existence, that had I used them earlier and oftener the mortality would have been less by one-third.