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OVARIECTOMY IN SHANGHAI, CHINA; TUMOR ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO AND ONE-HALF POUNDS.

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I PRESENT four photographs of a little Chinese woman, 4 feet 8 inches high, showing her appearance before and after the removal of an ovarian cystoma that contained more fluid than has been found in any diseased ovary exsected with success. One heavier tumor has been removed, but it was largely composed of solid material, the fluid contents being less by 70 pints than in this Chinese subject.

These photographs were sent for to Shanghai with an understanding that I intended to place them in the showcase of the library of the College of Physicians; and the request was made to me that the operator's name should not be paraded in the case. So I have compromised the matter by placing her name, with a short description of the case, on the backs of the two pictures taken prior to the operation.

As the operator has not yet reported the case, which I have urged her to do, I do not feel at liberty to say more than has been put upon the cards. The operation took place on November 1, 1894, at the Margaret Williamson Hospital, West Gate, Shanghai, and was performed by Dr. Reifsnyder, a missionary physician and a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia. Ovarian cystomata are not uncommon in China, and as there is no tapping by native doctors the tumors are allowed to grow until they kill the women, except in the few instances where they have been removed by a foreign operator. Dr. Reifsnyder has operated several times, but this was the largest tumor removed.[1]

The cystoma in question was a growth of the left ovary, and had been enlarging for six years. The ordinary weight of the little woman was about 90 pounds; she was married, sterile, and aged twenty-five years. Her

[1] She has reported the case, since the above was written, in the American Journal of Obstetrics for April.

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largest girth was 5 feet 9⅛ inches, and the measure over the tumor, from ensiform cartilage to pubes, was 39 inches. The cyst contained 22 gallons, or 176 pints, and the sac proper weighed only 6½ pounds. The weight of the tumor may be estimated at 182½ pounds. The woman made a good recovery.

A larger ovarian tumor, but more than half solid, was removed with success by Dr. Maritan, of Marseilles, probably in 1892. The woman weighed 337 pounds, and the tumor 200 pounds 14 ounces, Girth over tumor, 6 feet 5 11/16 inches. Fluid contents of tumor, 105 6/10 pints; solid portion, 95 pounds. Wound, 23 10/16 inches long; sutures, 100. Adhesions numerous. After recovery the woman weighed 138 pounds.—*Gazette Méd. de Paris*, January 14, 1893, p. 22.

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