Surgery for Gangrenous Mastitis

* A three-inch incision is made over the inguinal canal and the inguinal artery was located by palpation and it was then ligated with heavy silk suture material.
* The inguinal artery on the opposite side was ligated in a similar fashion.
* With the aid of heavy tumor forceps, a large portion of the gangrenous tissue can be dissected away.
* After this operation 500 cc. of a 40 percent dextrose solution is administered intravenously to help override the absorption of toxic end products as well as to furnish a source of nutrition.
* Approximately 12 days later the left side of the udder had been entirely sloughed and the remaining mammary tissue was greatly atrophied.