

## GYNECOLOGICAL DUELS.

It is a good thing that the practice of duelling has ceased to be a customary method of settling disputes in this country. Were this not so, we might be daily expecting a round of gynecological combats: Mr. Lawson Tait *versus* Dr. Keith, senior, Mr. Skeene Keith, and Sir Spencer Wells. Mr. Lawson Tait criticizes Dr. Keith's statistics, insinuating that they are very inaccurate. Dr. Keith and Mr. Skeene Keith retort with "you're another." Sir Spencer Wells alludes to one of Mr. Tait's operations as "a disastrous failure." Mr. Tait retorts that the said case is a "practical cure," as he has the lady's ovaries and tubes in a bottle, and that she had previously been treated with no relief for seven years by "a distinguished gynecological baronet." Sir Spencer Wells interviews the "disastrous failure" and asks what she thinks about it, and she emphatically votes for "disastrous failure" as against "practical cure," and this notwithstanding the fact that her ovaries and tubes are in a bottle. It is really a very pretty quarrel, and should certainly stimulate young medical practitioners who are not "distinguished gynecological baronets" or "abdominal surgeons of world-wide repute" to due veneration for the code of medical ethics practiced by their superiors.