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French surgeon who is regarded as one of the founders of modern gynecological surgery. He developed techniques of vaginal hysterectomy, ovariotomy, and gasterectomy. He invented the hemostatic forceps, a clamp device to stop bleeding during surgery. Péan performed the first operation to correct diverticulitis of the bladder, and he also practiced aseptic surgery, or surgery free of disease-causing microorganisms, before microorganisms were understood.