

## TWO CASES OF TUBAL PREGNANCY.

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It is a strange coincidence which has been remarked by many operators that one may pass a year without meeting with a case of tubal pregnancy, and then have two or three in as many months. This was the writer's experience, more than once; and now it has happened again. Case 34 was operated on in May. It was reported at the meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society on the 29th of May, and published in the MONTREAL MEDICAL JOURNAL in the July number; then Cases 35 and 36, which are now reported, were operated on in July and September of this year.

*Case 35.* Mrs. B., 24 years of age, came to the Samaritan Hospital in the ambulance on 6th of July, 1906. She was a delicate woman, married at eighteen, and had had four children, the last one two years ago. She had enjoyed fairly good health until a few weeks before admission, when she was obliged to take to bed on account of a severe pain in the left side. She believed she was pregnant about two months, but felt differently as compared with her sensations at other pregnancies. After a few days in bed she began to be so weak that she became alarmed, and sent for her family physician, Dr. Sylvestre who was formerly my assistant, and helped me with operations for tubal pregnancy.

Dr. Sylvestre had already diagnosed nine cases, five of which he had sent to the writer, and another having occurred during the writer's absence from the city he had sent to other operators. So, when Dr. Sylvestre was called to a woman who thought herself pregnant, who had a pain in her left side, and had blanched lips, and a pulse of 120 to 140, he came to the conclusion that she was having an internal hæmorrhage. On examination of the pelvis he found the uterus of the proper size for that state of pregnancy, but he also found a boggy mass on the left side which was exceedingly tender.

He insisted upon an immediate consultation, which was held at 11 a.m. on the 6th of July. His diagnosis was confirmed; for the look of the woman, and the condition of the pulse added to the peculiar boggy feeling of the mass in Douglas cul-de-sac, left little room for doubt, and her removal in the ambulance to the hospital was strongly advised. It took all of his time, however, during the rest of the day until 8 p.m. to overcome the difficulties which were thrown