

well; was not yet awake; and had taken but two of the powders. Owing to the distance from Belleville (25 miles) and the bad state of the roads, Dr. Dorland did not arrive until 2 o'clock, p.m., which was 27 hours from the time the accident had occurred. After gaining her consent, he proceeded to institute an examination, and, having satisfied himself with the nature of the case, we decided upon a plan of operation, he thinking with me (although in opposition to some authorities) that it was better to remove the placenta previous to reduction. We again placed her on her knees and face to evacuate the bladder, after which we gave her pulv. opii. gr. iij. We allowed time for its anodyne effects, when I proceeded to operate (notwithstanding that she still refused her consent), I obtained assistance to hold her during the time of operating. I commenced removing the placenta, which was firmly adherent and morbidly hard. I found this difficult, owing to the part of the cord being torn away, thus losing it as a guide and no free edge of placenta to begin upon. However, I gently scraped away the placenta at the upper part of the tumour, for the space of 1½ inches, until I could detect the uterus through the opening thus made. I then continued separating the placenta from the uterus, which took a great length of time, and was extremely painful to the patient. Now, for the first time, there was considerable flooding. As soon as I succeeded in detaching the placenta, I removed it, and then immediately reintroduced my hand, and attempted to reduce the uterus, as recommended by grasping the tumor gently, to decrease its volume, and then pushing upwards. This I continued to do for some time without the slightest success. I then carried my fingers upward to the cervix uteri, which I could now distinctly feel. I grasped it firmly so as to prevent any blood circulating through the neck or attachments into the uterus. This was followed by an almost instantaneous decrease of the size of the tumour; for whereas it was as long before as to be hardly contained by the extended fingers, I could now hold easily. This I considered to be owing to the fact that the pressure on the neck prevented any influx of blood, whilst the flooding continuing, the engorgement was by this means lessened. I then, as quickly as possible, grasped the uterus so as not to give it time to become again engorged, I then pushed gently, yet rather forcibly, upwards, when, in a short time, comparatively speaking, it yielded, and suddenly slipping from my grasp and the fingers with which I had been pushing on the fundus, were now in the centre or cavity of the uterus. The bladder returned to its proper position at the same time. During the operation, the pulse had kept steady, owing, as I suppose, to the effects of the opium. Having left her 8 powders, pulv. opii. et pulv. doveri. aa. gr. ss., to be