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other forms of obstruction, amenable to any method of treatment short of surgical operation, the presence of dutness, owing to ascites, should indicate the necessity of prompt laparotomy, and of careful exploration until the seat of strangulation has been found. This sign is likely to be of especial value in cases of intestinal obstruction in the female, as the presence of ascites in the abdominal cavity may be readily determined, even where the amount of effused fluid is small, by vaginal exploration. – *British Medical Journal.* 

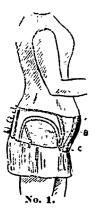
DR. SCHULTZ, of Buda-Pesth, reports ten cases of uterine cancer in which the disease was arrested by injections of alcohol.

## MIDWIFERY:

Cure of Vaginal Fistula.—Skutsch, of Jena (Centralb. f. Gynak., No. 25, 1893), describes a new manner of treating this troublesome condition. He confines himself to cases where the border of the fistula is very hard through abundance of cicatricial ti-sue, so that it cannot be safely pared and closed directly. He, therefore, covers the fistula with some of the neighbouring vaginal wall, which is easily dissected up and drawn over the opening. This practice is easiest when the fistula lies high in the vaginal vault, for the dissected up piece of mucosa can be readily displaced to an extent sufficient to avoid dangerous tension by drawing down the cervix. Skutsch has cured in this way a rectovaginal fistula situated high up in the vagina.— British Medical Journal.

"Spontaneous" Parting of the Symphysis.—Ochlschlager (*Centralblatt f. Gynak.*, No. 24, 1893) attended the first labour of a delicate, thin-boned girl, aged 20. She had two severe convulsions as labour set in, and the legs were ædematous, albuminuria was also detected. As it was clearly necessary to end the labour as quickly as possible, Ochlschlager put on the forceps. He had to employ considerable force. As the head was being brought down, a loud snap was heard by the operator and the patient's sister, who assisted. The symphysis had parted to the extent of an inch. The forceps could then be used with [OVER.

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