

The foetus was a well nourished female which weighed about eight and a half pounds and had a large head. It was asphyxiated at birth but was speedily restored by artificial respiration. There were no marks of violence to be observed on the infant, although it was very carefully examined for them, as it had been exposed to such risks by the pressure of the forceps. The caput succedaneum was unusually large, while the cord was of normal size, length and consistence. The mother made an uneventful recovery, but unfortunately the result was different in the case of the infant.

On the afternoon of the second day, I was telephoned for by the patient's husband, and on arrival found that the child was bleeding from the alimentary canal. The hæmorrhage had started from the anus on the afternoon of the previous day, *i. e.* when the child was twenty-four hours old, and when I saw it blood was coming from the mouth, nose and anus, but none from the eyes, ears or vagina. From the anus, it oozed almost continuously, while it came in gushes from the mouth and nose, as if being vomited up. The blood was dark and venous looking and showed no tendency to clot. The mouth was carefully examined to ascertain whether or not there was any breach of continuity of the mucous membrane, as from a fractured jaw, etc., but none could be discovered. In one or two places at the sides of the head the scalp was bruised, and subcutaneous ecchymoses were present. The caput succedaneum was still large, and also very soft and fluctuating. No cerebral symptoms were discoverable, there being no paralysis, and the eyes re-acted normally. The child was somewhat restless and had not slept very well, but its suction power was very good and it took the breast readily. The mother said that the child changed colour very frequently and that the change was very rapid, it being livid one moment and the next one it would be quite pallid, but none of these changes occurred during my visit. The heart sounds were normal but weak, as was also the pulse. Examination of the chest and abdomen gave negative results, and there were no spots of any kind upon the limbs.