

with obstructed labour from distorted pelvis more frequently than we do at present. The unhealthy anæmic appearance of many of the females employed in these factories warrant us in advancing the opinion that, after the lapse of some years, a proportion of those who enter on the work at a tender age may have their nutrition seriously impaired, the bones softened or diseased, and their pelves deformed.

In the *six* remaining cases, the forceps was applied *thrice* to complete the delivery in labour complicated with convulsions; *once* in a case of twins, to extract the first child, the second being born by the natural efforts; *once* in consequence of symptoms of exhaustion appearing in a protracted labour with the eighth child, and *once* in narrowing of the conjugate diameter of the brim with prolapse of the funis. The last was the only instance in which the forceps was applied to the head above the brim; in all others, the head had descended into the cavity or had been arrested near the outlet. In the 19 forceps operations, all the mothers recovered, and 16 out of the 20 children were saved.

The forceps used were Rigby's and Simpson's long forceps, both of which have the pelvic curve. The long double curved forceps, of which there are numerous modifications, being equally applicable, whether the head of the child be above the brim, within the cavity or near the outlet, no other model is employed in this hospital.

The perforator was used *once* to diminish the size of a hydrocephalic head. There were several points of practical interest in this case. A strong, robust young woman was admitted into the hospital in labour with her second child. On examination the shoulder was found presenting at the brim; and the funis, much swollen and discoloured, protruded some distance from the vulva. She stated that labour had commenced about eight o'clock in the morning; "that the waters had escaped" about ten o'clock, and that the pains had been very powerful throughout the day. It was at this time eight o'clock in the evening, so that *ten hours* had elapsed since the rupture of the membranes. The greatest difficulty was experienced in turning