

cribed, that method was considered too dangerous even to be attempted. If dislodged, the coin was sure to be arrested in the larynx and might prove fatal through suffocation. It may interest the readers of the journal to briefly recount the main facts in the Brunel case. Brunel, while amusing his grand-children by tossing a half sovereign into his mouth, felt it slide down through his larynx. Sir Benjamin Brodie was consulted. Inverting the patient was tried upon different occasions, and the small gold coin being perfectly round, readily rolled into the larynx, but invariably set up such irritation that the distinguished patient quickly resumed his normal position. Finally, after the coin had been in the bronchi for some weeks, tracheotomy was performed, but all attempts at forceps extraction proved futile. Then it was suggested to hold the tracheal wound widely open, and at the same time invert the patient, trusting that the coin would roll down and out. The coin did roll down the inverted trachea, but entirely ignored the artificial opening inasmuch as it passed between the vocal cords, struck the patient's teeth and rolled upon the floor.

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OBSTETRICAL AND GYNÆCOLOGICAL NOTES.

FACE PRESENTATION.

THE text-books on obstetrics give a number of causes for the mal-presentation, among which may be enumerated a peculiar shape of the child's head or dolicho-cephalic head; disproportion between the head and pelvis, especially the elliptic pelvis; obliquity of uterus; accidental causes leading to a partial extension; and foetal monstrosities, the chief of which being the anencephalic head.

Last winter in consultation, I had occasion to witness a cause for the presentation, which if not a new one is not mentioned at least in many of the text-books. The position was left mento-posterior, and as labour had well advanced before the attending physician was called, the forehead was tightly packed down into the pelvis towards the right foramen ovale. The waters were ruptured, and all attempts at pushing up the chin and bringing down the vertex were of no avail. For a similar reason bi-polar version could not be attempted, and it being