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Occipito-Posterior Positions.*

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ON this side of the Atlantic so much has been written on this subject during the past few years, and so many different opinions have been expressed, that I have been impelled to add my experience and testimony as to the efficacy of a plan of treatment which, though by no means new, has not been carried out with sufficient accuracy in many of the recorded cases.

At the very outset there is a decided variance of opinion as to the frequency of the cases—some writers bringing statistics to their aid in the endeavor to show that the position is rare, whilst again others seem to prove the reverse. I believe there is a want of closeness of observation in at least some instances, for it seems that due credit is not given to nature for the cases in which turning takes place during descent of the head so that what started as an occipito-posterior position ends as an occipito-anterior. However this may be, the

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