

tion of the foreign body. The patient was lost sight of for forty days when he was found "in good health, strong and perfectly well except the total loss of sight of the left eye and loss of sensation in part of the face. The motions of the eye and lid were perfect. Three years afterwards his memory was decidedly impaired.

The Dr. was persuaded that "the rocket shaft must have taken a course either immediately above or immediately below the base of the skull." Under either condition, he says "the patient's escape from death renders the case one of the most remarkable in the annals of surgery."

In contrast with the two preceding, numerous cases might be cited where seemingly trivial injuries of the orbit caused by sharp and slender bodies, as pipe-stems, straws, &c., have resulted seriously, and at times fatally. Meningitis, cerebral abscess, or tetanic convulsions being the ultimate cause of death.

PROLAPSUS UTERI.

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Procidencia Uteri is rather a rare occurrence, particularly during the later months of gestation. Though well authenticated cases of it are on record one would be inclined to question the probability of gestation going on uninterruptedly to the full time. Dr. Gruhn, of Reppen, Eng., relates a very interesting one which presents many points of similarity to the following, which came under my care last week.

I was sent for on the 16th, to attend Mrs. P—, æt 30, who, her husband said he thought, was about to be confined. On my arrival, (at 6 p. m.,) I found that she had had quite hard and regular pains for four hours. The waters had been discharged 52 hours. On making an examination, I found to my astonishment, the uterus prolapsed completely, occupying a position between the thighs, and extending more than half-way to the knees. The os was dilated about the size of a fifty-cent piece, the occiput presenting. On handling the uterus, (which was not at all tender) I could plainly discover the head and chest of the child, external to the vulva.

On enquiring into the history of the case, I found that prolapse had begun about the third month, it being then, as she expressed it "about the size of her fist," since which time it had gradually increased till I