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#### THE INDUCTION OF PREMATURE LABOR IN THE ALBUMINURIA OF PREGNANCY.\*

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The subject I have chosen for discussion this evening is a peculiarly interesting and practical one, owing to the intense anxiety and grave responsibility that must affect a physician when consulted by a pregnant woman, and an examination of her urine shows some considerable quantity of albumen and hyaline casts, knowing full well that this condition, if not relieved, may ultimately terminate in one of the most fatal exigencies of the puerperal state, while the serious responsibility of undertaking as a preventive measure the induction of premature labor cannot be regarded but with some apprehension.

The following brief clinical records are offered in the hope that they may in some degree contribute to the sum of that knowledge which may ultimately accumulate sufficiently to enable us to act with more unerring precision in the always serious and too often fatal cases, and at the same time afford a text for a few remarks I desire to make in conclusion.

CASE I.—A multipara, aged 40, who had been a widow for a number of years, but married again about a year previous to my attendance, her youngest child being 16 years old. When I was called she had had regular labor pains for several hours, but the os uteri was rigid and but slightly dilated. She supposed

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