

said, had pulled down a large lump of something. Upon this, the midwife pulled until she was forced to desist, by the women present, as the patient said she was tearing her all to pieces (I give their own words). I proceeded to search for the os uteri; but I could detect nothing but the cul de sac, formed by the mucous membrane. I now paused a moment to reflect and give the patient an interval of rest. I gently pushed my finger upwards so as to stretch the mucous membrane and get the extremity above the tumour. I bent it with the point directed downwards, and, after a short search, I felt the os directed upward and a little backward. I found it utterly impossible to detect any neck to the tumour. Having satisfied myself that the tumour was the inverted uterus, with the placenta firmly adherent, I carried my finger round it and found a laceration of the walls of the vagina, on the right side of the tumour, and rather high up in the passage. Partly in and partly to the left of the laceration, was the bladder flexed upon itself and largely distended with urine, its fundus directed downwards, the anterior portion having become directed posteriorly. The bladder was not directly in front of the tumour, but a little aside of it. At this stage of the proceedings, the patient became ungovernable, screaming violently and struggling, so I was compelled to withdraw my hand, lest it would increase the laceration during her struggles. Having allowed her ten minutes to rest, I attempted to introduce the catheter, but found it impossible, owing to the state of flexure the bladder was placed in. I then placed the patient on her knees and face, with the chest depressed, introduced my finger, and by pushing gently on the fundus of the bladder so as to lessen the flexure, I succeeded in getting the bladder almost entirely emptied. She became now so exhausted, that I judged it expedient to allow her some time to rest. I gave her pulv. opii. gr. jss. Her pulse becoming quiet, I again attempted introducing my hand; but she struggled so violently, that it was impossible to do so with safety. She became in a manner childish. Said she was perfectly easy, preferred death to the operation &c. As I considered it not improbable that (from the magnitude of the injuries she had received) she might sink under the operation, or soon after, I declined reducing the womb in direct opposition to her wish and that of her mother, although her husband and sister earnestly desired me to proceed. Without having a consultation, having written a few lines to my friend, C. V. D'orland, M.D., of Belleville, to ensure his coming as soon as possible, I left her to attend another labour, about a mile distant, leaving her 3 powders, pulv. opii. gr. j. each, to be taken every four hours, with the addition of a little b.andy if any symptoms of pain arose. I returned at 5 o'clock, a.m., of the next day; found that she had slept