

admit three fingers of my left-hand. At seven o'clock she had another attack, and as I deemed the space sufficient to allow of the successful introduction of the forceps, I applied them with little difficulty, but could not effect the delivery then without danger to the soft parts of the mother, as I had no assistant to administer chloroform, and those in the house were not able to prevent her from violently tossing about the bed. I therefore removed the instruments, after which she was quiet and had little snatches of sleep up to half-past one, when she had another fit. At two o'clock she had another attack, when, at the request of her husband, Dr. Hingston was sent for to meet me in consultation. After we had talked the matter over, it was decided that immediate instrumental delivery promised the most hopeful issue.

At half-past two, while recovering from another fit, and partly unconscious from the mingled effect of the convulsions and chloroform administered by Dr. H., I once more applied the forceps, and delivered her of a full grown child after some difficulty, as the os had not dilated since morning.

After the birth of the child, as the patient was much exhausted and disposed to lie quiet, she was allowed to remain undisturbed, with the placenta unremoved, till a quarter to four, when, upon the supervention of the after-pains, she had another attack. Deeming the retention of the placenta the last exciting cause of the convulsions, I effected its removal at once with but little difficulty. After this she had no more fits. During the greater part of the afternoon she was kept partially under the influence of chloroform.

In the evening the medicine operated freely; had also passed a quantity of urine without difficulty. As she was much exhausted, she was ordered beef-tea and wine in small quantities.

On the 13th found her very weak; pulse 140; general surface cool. Says she feels bruised all over. Ordered her brandy and water, also bottles of hot water to arm-pits and feet. During the afternoon she rallied, and when I saw her in the evening there was a good deal of fever present. Surface hot and dry; tongue slightly furred; pulse 150. Complains of great abdominal pains, especially over the uterus. Ordered hot turpentine epithems to abdomen till pain is relieved, and then to apply cotton wool and flannel; also to have a grain and a half of opium every six hours. Lochia flowing freely.

14th. A little easier. No special pains over the abdomen on pressure. Fever high; countenance anxious and sallow; pulse 160. Ordered the breasts to be well emptied, and the following prescription instead of the last: Muriate of morphia, three-quarters of a grain every six hours;