

The fact of the operator turning to the field of action is a preparation for the work in hand. From the point of view of valuation, the movements necessary for the success of the operation are classified as follows: (1) preparatory; (2) main movements with the main hand; (3) auxiliary movements upon mother and fetus. The classification of the various movements, one of which follows directly from the other, according to their valuation, the movements necessary for the success of the operation are the best means for their reliable memorizing and for having them present in mind at the crucial moment.

As a guide for the ordinary manipulations the following Table of Survey will be found useful.

#### NOTES.

NOTE I.—Should the forceps not occupy the position in which it should be according to its construction, in order to exert the most favorable effect (*i.e.*, with the head standing rotated on the pelvic floor, the cephalic curvature extending beyond the lateral sides of the head, and the pelvic curvature coinciding with the curvature of the knee in the parturient canal—in short in the adaptation optimum of the head and the adaptation optimum of the pelvis) this rule is subject to an exception.\*

If the head rests obliquely or transversely on the pelvic floor, the instrument can still be applied to a certain extent in the "adaptation optimum of the head," but in a reversed position as against the pelvis, namely, in the oblique pelvic diameter. In that case the instruments are as follows: The forceps' blade belongs into the pelvic side of the part of the head which is to be rotated forward (*i.e.*, of the occiput in occipital presentation; of the tracheal region in face presentation) is guided toward the region of the incisura ischiadica, and the forceps' blade belonging into the pelvic side of that part of the head which is to be rotated backward is guided toward the region of the foramen obturatum. The latter blade should be introduced toward the

\* See Sellheim, "*Altes und Neues über die Grundlagen der Zangenentbindung.*" *Praktische Ergebnisse der Geb. u. Gyn. von Franz & Veit*, I. Jahr, I. Abt.