

abnormal symptoms are succeeded by crampy pains, sometimes light, oftener quite severe, and becoming more severe as time goes on. I have seen those pains so severe, in the later months of pregnancy, that the patient could not rest in any position,—could scarcely sit up or walk at all. Each succeeding day brought only agony and the prospect of increased agony.

When these uterine pains arise from the remains of an old metritis or parametritis, the administration of the bromides, especially bromide of sodium, with fld. ext. *hydrastis Canadensis*, is indicated, and should be given in full doses. Ergot, if employed at all, should be carefully given, lest a miscarriage be induced. Much may be done, also, by depletion with tampons of glycerine, or glycerine and solid ext. bellad. rad. introduced behind the cervix, or to either side as indicated. It has been frequently noticed that the pregnancy itself seems to have a resolvent action upon the inflammatory exudation which causes adhesions between the womb and neighboring structures, much of it, apparently, being absorbed. To increase this absorption, alteratives, as mercury and the iodides, should be used.

Women suffering from endocervicitis are unlikely to conceive, but when they do, the usual treatment in such cases, if carefully performed, is followed by very satisfactory results. The cervix may be depleted by glycerine tampons introduced not into, but up to it. Use the blunt curette gently, and follow it up by swabbing on Churchill's iodine, or iodine and carbolic acid for some distance up the cervix. But the douche, either hot water or medicated solution, should never be employed, as it is almost sure, sooner or later, to bring on a miscarriage.

In the other class of cases, where no results of an old inflammation can be discovered, the pains being neuralgic in character, in women who are anæmic or neurasthenic—weak and hypersensitive, where the nervous system is overdeveloped and over sensitive, and the muscular system weak, the treatment varies according to the conditions found. In many, simple anæmia is the cause, and the cure the administration of iron and other hæmatenics. But what I have found of most benefit in these cases is the *helonias* compound of Parke, Davis & Co.—a mixture of the fluid extracts of *helonias*, *Mitchella repens*, *viburnum opulus* and *caulophyllum*. I have had cases in which it acted like a charm. It has not only a distinctly sedative action on the uterus, but also a decidedly tonic effect. Under its administration the pains and soreness gradually disappeared, the uterus becoming strong and healthy, and the patient brighter and more cheerful.