

I was under the impression that the difficulty might be owing to an abnormal width of the shoulders; but, on examining, I felt a hard on each side of the sternal end of the neck. Without any difficulty I brought the arms down, which caused the neck to advance as far as the sternum; and, while making a further effort to extract, a second pair of hands protruded. I immediately re-examined, and discovered that a second child was presenting, and apparently connected with that already delivered. I now procured the assistance of my friend Dr. Sutherland, who, on examination, coincided with me in the opinion I had formed. For some time considerable difficulty was encountered in our attempts to deliver. The blunt hook was used and proved inefficient. Eventually however, by digital efforts, we succeeded in bringing down the legs of the first child, which were immediately followed by the body; the face towards pubis at once revealing the point of union. It now remained to bring down the second fetus, which was also attended with difficulty. The legs were not within reach, but the fore fingers could be made to touch across the back, which was arched forwards. Delivery was accomplished with the aid of a silk handkerchief which was passed round the back, so as to form a loop round the body of the child, whereby I was enabled to exert the requisite traction until extraction was terminated. The body came away feet foremost, accompanied by the placenta. There was only one placenta, it was of immense size, kidney-shaped, and at least twice the natural thickness.

There was but one cord; it was not quite half an inch in length and was more than twice the usual thickness, hardly appearing to leave any interval between the umbilicus and placenta.

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION.**—This double monster presents the following appearances:—Development seems to be comparatively perfect in one fetus, while in the other it is deficient in several particulars. For convenience of description I shall designate the more perfectly formed of the two as fetus A, the other as B.

A. The head, neck, shoulders and arms are natural; the spine, pelvis, and legs normal, with the exception of the right foot, which was clubbed (Talipes varus); external genital organs complete.

B. The head slightly smaller than A; shoulders and arms natural; the spine deficient from about the middle of the dorsal region down to anus, presenting a large tumor measuring transversely  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches, filled with fluid (Hydro-rachitis); the legs nearly natural in shape, except that both feet were clubbed (Talipes varus); generative organs merely rudimentary.