

although the union of the skin was perfect at first, several silk sutures had to be removed later. The extreme thinness of the skin and the closeness of the silk knot to the surface I feel had something to do with their infection. On their removal the small sinus closed at once. In this case patient nursed her child, and both left the hospital in good condition. The patient was the only one not rendered sterile.

Case No. 5, No. 3,128. Mrs. D. Para. 2., aet. 33. Entered hospital August 11th, 1904, having been intermittently in labor for the past fortnight. Severe pains coming on every other night at 15 minute intervals, but now severe and ten minutes apart.

*Personal history.*—The only thing worth noting was the fact that her first labor was exceedingly severe. The child weighing 11 lbs., and labor lasted 27 hours. The last three hours she was unconscious from its severity, according to her account.

*Family history.*—Nil.

Respiratory, genito-urinary and circulatory systems normal.

*Present condition.* Patient a large, well nourished woman. There are large varicose veins on both legs, about vulva and inside the vulva and on vaginal wall. On examination os uteri dilated about the size of ten cent piece and seemed hard and to be formed of cicatricial tissue. Child calculated to be about eight lbs., and from its size and the local condition, and labor being so long on and no advance made, on consultation the question lay between an accouchement forcé or Cæsarean section. From the local condition of varices and cicatricial os, it was considered that section would be the least dangerous, and the woman desired to be rendered sterile, as she dreaded under these conditions to have children; the husband consenting, section was decided on. After opening the abdomen, the uterus was found to be too large to take out of the opening made, so it was opened in situ, and after the removal of the child the uterus was taken out of the abdomen and the usual procedure followed. The peritoneum was guarded against the discharge of uterus and blood by towels packed about it. Operation took one hour and five minutes. The tubes were tied in two places and cut between. Twenty skin sutures were used and removed on 9th day. Union was by first intention throughout, except at one spot where a deep suture had to be removed. No further trouble occurred. Patient nursed her baby and left the hospital well on the 30th day, able to walk from her room to the cab at the door.

Case No. 6, No. 3,137. Mrs. T., para. 4., aet. 35. Admitted August 25th. 1904.