

After the delivery, let the uterus constantly be held in the hand until the bandage is applied. Never apply the bandage until the delivery of the placenta. If the placenta is detached, remove it within twenty minutes. Avoid stimulants during and after delivery.

Remain in the *lying-in chamber* for one hour after delivery. Before leaving the house always apply the child to the breast. Enjoin perfect quiet and exclusion of visitors.

If there is reason to anticipate hemorrhage, give ergot as the head is passing the perineum.

He analyzes each rule, and gives his reasons for it in detail.

He objects to the application of the bandage prior to the delivery of the placenta, because it becomes saturated with the blood which has collected, and that which accompanies the expulsion of the placenta; it prevents the observance of the second and third rules, and the recognition of the dilatation of the uterus; its application annoys the patient when she most needs rest, and possesses little value to prevent harm. In the words of Paul Dubois, at Paris, the bandage is never used, and yet hemorrhage is as rare there as elsewhere. Stimulants should only be used when required by syncope or extreme debility, as they increase the force of the heart's action, render the patient restless and uncomfortable, and produce an excited condition predisposing to hemorrhage. A large majority of the cases of hemorrhage occur within the first hour, and especially the first half hour succeeding delivery; hence the propriety of remaining, as the physician can at once meet the impending danger when it is first commencing to be formidable.

The application of the child to the breast exerts a reflex influence upon the uterus of a most salutary kind. This has even been found to act by increasing pains which are tardy in labor; it has been recommended by Scanzoni to apply a child to the nipples, or for the nurse to stroke them or otherwise irritate them. Rigby and Marshall Hall equally agree upon the value of this method. The value of the other rules is too obvious to require extended remarks.—*New York Journal of Medicine*.

THE RELATIVE FREQUENCY OF THE VARIOUS PRESENTATIONS OF THE FŒTUS.

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Whole number of presentations.....	88,342
Head (including 'face to pubis,' etc.)	85,210
Breech.....	1,754
Feet and knees.....	445
Funis (the accompanying presentation not given).....	219
Arm.....	83
" and head.....	38
" " and funis.....	9
Head and funis.....	57
Placenta.....	25
Face.....	299
Shoulder.....	69
Transverse.....	120
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Back.....	6
Belly.....	6
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