

the decoction were accordingly given every ten minutes, and in about half an hour, the uterus commenced an almost incessant action which continued until the expulsion of the fetus, &c. which in all did not exceed three quarters of an hour. Some slight inflammatory symptoms made their appearance about the fifth day after delivery, but were subdued without much difficulty, and in a fortnight the patient was convalescent.

RETENTION OF THE PLACENTA.

Mrs. A. C. at Point-Levi, was delivered by a Midwife, of a fine male child, whom after several repeated and ineffectual attempts to extract the placenta, the umbilical cord gave way to the great alarm of the female attendant, who immediately sent the husband to town for medical assistance. Twenty-eight hours elapsed before the patient was seen, one scruple of the Ergot was administered, and in about 20 minutes, slight uterine action commenced, at the expiration of half an hour, was repeated the dose. The pains gradually increased, and in less than one hour, the placenta was thrown into the vagina without any manual interference whatever; the pain continued violent, and did not cease until a full anodyne was administered.

PUERPERAL CONVULSIONS.

A. B. a young woman of a plethoric temperament, about 20 years of age, having arrived at her full period of utero-gestation, complained in the evening of a sense of fullness and tightness about the head, indistinct vision, &c., but did not call in any medical aid.

The following day about 11 A. M., was seized with a violent convulsion which lasted upwards of 15 minutes, but continued comatose for some time after the cessation of the fit. Dr. Painchaud was now called in for the first time to visit her, who abstracted about 30 ounces of blood from the arm and administered a purgative enema. About 1 P. M. was again attacked with renewed convulsions which continued to return nearly every half-hour, notwithstanding the very free use of the lancet purgatives, &c., and without any apparent alleviation of her then alarming, and to all appearance, fatal symptoms.