

With this summary of some of the more important conditions in which the microscope is of value in enabling an accurate diagnosis to be made, I would again insist upon the necessity in all cases, of accuracy in diagnosis and the further necessity to use where possible exact and scientific means to arrive at this diagnosis and upon which to ground treatment.

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### POST PARTUM HEMORRHAGE.\*

**G**ENTLEMEN,—Post partum hemorrhage, the subject I have selected for a short discussion this evening, is one of very great importance, not only to ourselves as obstetricians, but more especially to those who entrust their lives in our hands, as upon our promptness and ability to combat this dangerous complication often depends the life of our patient. And who amongst us, having witnessed a fatal termination, or even one of a less severe type, in which by our successful efforts we have averted that termination, will deny that the impression left upon the mind is one which nothing but time will efface. The more severe forms, however, are happily somewhat rare, particularly so when we are fortunate enough to have the patient under our watchful care throughout the critical period of labor, yet, when we are brought face to face with this alarming condition, it requires the coolness and presence of mind of the veteran to act promptly and judiciously, else we will impart a feeling of distrust in the mind of our patient, when we should inspire her with a feeling of implicit confidence in our ability to carry her safely through. I can assure you there are few women who are not thoroughly alive to the dangers of "flooding," and no matter how mistrustful we are as to the ultimate results, we must be exceedingly cautious not to display it, as we require her thorough confidence, which will materially assist us in our efforts in her behalf. Then, I say, upon the coolness and promptness of action of the obstetrician depend largely the safety of the patient.

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