

after, he had come to the conclusion that there must have been some stretching of the bladder, and that probably some of the vessels had given way by the pressure of the gravid uterus. There had certainly been very great tension on the anterior vaginal wall, and the pain in the bladder had been described as of a tearing character. There had been no varicose veins visible around the vulva. The patient was anæmic.

Sudden Death in Infancy and Childhood.

DR. A. E. VIPOND read a paper with this title, which will be found at page 23 of the January number.

DR. BAZIN, in connection with this paper, related the following case:

The patient was a female child, eight months old, which had been brought up on Nestlé's Christie's, and other starchy foods. It was fed at 7 a.m., taking only a small quantity. Half an hour afterwards the child was taken with sharp intense pain, uttering piercing cries. When seen by me, the temperature was normal, the pulse very rapid, 140 to 160. The history, as far as I was able to elicit it, was that the child had been constipated and the night before had been given a teaspoonful of sweet oil, and, as this had had no effect, it was repeated in the early morning, also without result. There had been no vomiting.

The child was lying on the back drawing up the legs, at the same time uttering piercing cries and apparently was suffering from colic. There was no distension of abdomen, the walls being quite flaccid and a good examination could be made. The heart and lungs were apparently normal. It was stated that the child had cried a little during the last two days putting the hand up to the ear. On examination with the mirror, etc., nothing was found to explain any pain. A castor oil enema was given which was retained and a spice poultice was applied over the abdomen. At 12 o'clock the condition was the same, the child crying and getting no rest; a small quantity of the oil came away but no fæces. As nothing more could be made out from the examination and the condition remained the same, I ordered a $\frac{1}{4}$ grain tablet of morphia in, I think, 12 teaspoonfuls of water, one teaspoonful to be given every two hours till pain was relieved. In consultation with Dr. Blackader, I saw the child again in the evening, at that time temperature was elevated, 101° , the child greatly exhausted and pulse even more rapid and feeble; no further symptoms. The opiate had not relieved the child, the parents had continued it till I should think it had taken about $\frac{1}{4}$ th grain, except that it was a little listless between the attacks of crying, it showed no effects of the morphia. Breathing was now shallow and slightly more rapid, in the left apex was a fine crepitation with every breath but not at all distinct. Another enema of oil given and retained but without