

the membrane had burst and the child was presenting. In less than three minutes a dead child, perfectly formed but not fully developed, was delivered. On grasping the abdomen to make pressure on the uterus, I was surprised to find it still as bulky almost as before, and on examination per vaginam elicited the fact that there was a second child, the breech of which I could readily make out as it presented. With another pain, and the assistance I myself gave, this was delivered, also dead. The death of the children must have taken place some considerable time before, as the epidermis was abraded in several places, and the underlying tissues presented a dark gangrenous appearance. They were both males, and as near as I could judge of the same size. After dividing the cords, and at the end of about twenty minutes I went up for the placentæ, one of which I found adherent to the posterior wall of the uterus. Altogether, I should say there was about a cup full of blood lost during the delivery—certainly not more than that quantity.

The patient now, for the first time, showed signs of returning consciousness, as evidenced by greater ease in swallowing, and an inclination to grumble when much disturbed, as in putting on the bandage, &c. Her pulse was now 120, but fuller in volume and steadier than ever before; face more natural in appearance; pupils still dilated but easily influenced by light; temperature of body, and especially of extremities, was natural. A large motion was passed from the bowels during the labour. I gave her a draught containing two drachms of the extract of ergot.

2 p.m.—During the morning and forenoon she has taken a pint of strong beef juice, and nearly a pint of champagne, and the change for the better in her condition is really marvellous. She can now be roused, and answers in monosyllables when loudly spoken to. Her pulse still remains high, 116, but quite full and regular; temperature $99\ 3\text{--}5^{\circ}$; tongue very much swollen and marked by indentations from her teeth; it is also thickly coated with a white fur; complains of a pain, and when left alone falls into a