

to find any of the causes producing peripheral paralysis, I could not place it under that head, and I do not think it to have been a case of ordinary infantile paralysis, not only from the peculiar features of the case given in the report, but also from what I observed at a hasty examination made to-day. I found the little fellow had been pretty well since his recovery, now over a year ago, but his mother said that for some months past he has at times had attacks of swelling and hardness in the calves, accompanied with severe pains. On feeling his legs, I was surprised to find his calves beautifully developed and as hard as an athlete's, quite a contrast to his brothers'. This tonic spasmodic condition is confined to the muscles of the back of the leg; it does not hinder him from running about, though a constrained action in the movements of the legs is observable.

BI-MONTHLY RETROSPECT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNÆCOLOGY.

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The Treatment of the Third Stage of Labour.—During the last few months a spirited and somewhat acrimonious discussion on this subject has been going on in German gynecological periodicals. During the discussion the method of removing the placenta, known as Credé's, has been attacked and advocated by turns. Certain of the writers have attributed ill consequences to this method. The discussion has elicited a long article from Credé, which appears in the *Archiv für Gynækologie* (Band XVII. Heft ii, 1881). In this paper the author complains that the procedure credited with these ill consequences has not in reality been his at all, but has differed from it in some most important particulars, against the practice of which he was careful to warn in his original article describing the method, published in the *Monatsschrift für Geburtskunde*, (1860, Band, XVI. S. 345.) In the present article Credé quotes his original description, which we think it may be useful, in view of the discussion, to translate. After asserting that the most important point in