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GENTLEMEN,—The clinical examination of infants and young children is full of difficulty to the inexperienced. It has to be carried out, not merely without the help of the patient, but often in spite of his strenuous opposition. In a brief manner I propose to tell you of the best methods of ascertaining the necessary facts and also the chief points in which the child differs, in a clinical sense, from the adult. From the mother or friends you must get the history of the patient and his illness, and to that end the following questions should be put:—

1. How many other children are there?
2. Any dead, and of what?
3. Where does the patient come in the family?
4. Have there been any miscarriages? If so, when?
5. Health of father's and mother's family?
6. Mother's health during pregnancy?
7. Was this a full time child?