

eagerly, but has no power to grasp nipple; repeated spts. terebinth.

11th.—Another segment came away; still makes fruitless attempts to grasp nipple; ordered oil of male fern, 15 drops in mucilage.

12th.—Repeated the oil of fern, to be followed by small dose castor-oil.

13th.—One more segment passed; suspended medicine for a few days.

18th.—Two $\frac{1}{2}$ -gr. doses of calomel ordered at intervals of two hours; soon after the administration of last dose four more segments passed; trismus entirely gone; child nurses well, the mother having an abundant supply of milk; medicine discontinued.

Oct. 18th.—Mother and child still in the hospital; both doing well; the child has passed several segments since last record, but none having the appearance of the head. Child has never taken any nourishment but the mother's milk.

The foregoing is the brief clinical record of the case; as to the fact stated there can be no doubt. The case was carefully and critically watched by Prof. Skene, of the hospital staff, who was on duty, and by T. H. Hutton, M. D., resident physician.

On October 2d, twelve of the segments passed were presented to the Long Island College Hospital Society for examination, and, at their suggestion, B. A. Segur, M. D., a gentleman of skill and experience in the use of the microscope, was appointed to make further examination of the specimens. At a subsequent meeting of the Society, Dr. Segur reported that "the specimens presented to him for examination had the obvious appearance of *tania*, and under the microscope, with $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch objective, he was able to see the eggs, presenting the same size of joints passed by adults."

The specimens were subsequently presented to the Pathological Section of the King's County Medical Society.

Can the mother communicate the germs of the parasite to the foetus in utero? And, if so, how do they gain entrance to the intestinal canal?

To determine one of the questions, the mother, being still in the hospital, and having fully recovered from her confinement, was, on the 8th of November—about two months after the birth of her child—put upon treatment for tap-worm; although neither previous history nor present condition indicated the presence of *tania*. She is an unusually stout Irish girl, of good flesh, good digestion, cheerful disposition, entire freedom from nervous disturbance, always rested well of nights, and never herself