

Skillfully rendered, the cry of "uterine inversion" becomes no longer a bug-bear.

10. The continuous and intelligent counter-pressure over the fundus uteri during the child's exit, the delivery of the placenta, and the period of frequent oscillation, be that a shorter or a longer time, is a safeguard never to be neglected.

11. Pursuant to the same end, the application of the bandage and its continuance, as long as the uterine globe can be felt and embraced by it above the pubis, contributes not only to comfort, but to speedy involution. After the seventh day close pressure must be interdicted.

12. Puffiness of one ankle, with tenderness of the corresponding groin, and an abnormally quickened pulse, with or without copious sweating, noticed within the first ten days after labor, betoken the presence of phlebitis, and the possibility of embolism or thrombus, and resultant sudden death.

13. The duties of an obstetrician are not concluded until a careful examination, from six to eight weeks after parturition, proves the integrity of all the organs concerned.—*Michigan Medical News.*

#### OVARIAN IRRITATION AND PAIN, ASSOCIATED WITH CERVICAL INFLAMMATION.

A class of cases which may be approximately described by the foregoing heading, will be recognized by practitioners as exceedingly vexatious and unyielding to treatment, local or general. In response to some inquiries made to our correspondent, Dr. Herrick, of Grand Rapids, we have received the following suggestions:

"As for the cases you mention, I think all of us are more or less puzzled to always treat them properly. I, as well as you, often meet with *chronic ovaritis* complicated with cervical engorgement, and in addition to the treatment heretofore mentioned (see *July Gazette*), I pack the upper portion of the vagina with cotton saturated with an ointment, composed as follows:

℞. Vaseline..... ʒ iiij  
Chloral hydr..... ʒ i  
Ol. erchthites..... ʒ ss  
Fl. ext. hamamelis.... ʒ iss

And to this I sometimes add—

Tinct. iodine..... ʒ ss

These should be thoroughly incorporated in a mortar.

This applied against the inflamed organ will often quiet the pain.

Besides this, I have sometimes thought I got the benefit from a blister over the outside of the ovary. Where the trouble arises from neurasthenia, bromide of ammonium is the sheet anchor. But, as a general rule, the ovarian irritation will subside with the cure of the uterine trouble."

Upon being asked what advantages were to be

had from the addition in this formulæ of the fire weed and witchhazel, the doctor says:

"Fire weed (*erchthites*) was suggested to my mind from its being used in uterine hemorrhage; it is supposed to act like ergot in one respect, i. e., by contracting the capillaries, but it does not possess the other power of ergot, that of producing contraction of the muscles of the uterus. Of course if it produces contraction of the capillaries, it will help expel the blood from them, and will consequently lessen congestion and inflammation. This at least was my theory; and in my hands it has been borne out in practice, for I have noticed that cases improved faster after the fire weed was added to the ointment. I always use the oil, as it can be more easily mixed with the vaseline. As for the witch-hazel (*hamamelis*), I make no claim of priority in local application, for it has been used for some time in leucorrhœa, ulceration, etc., I believe. To the homœopathic lights belong the credit of discovery; they have used a very dilute form of *hamamelis* in all forms of uterine disease for a long time, both as a local application and internally in the form of a 800 or 3,000 potency, according to the sense of the person prescribing. Our profession commenced the use of the drug in the shape of the fl. ext. and tinct. within the past four or five years, but only as a local application; and that it has some influence over the inflamed uterus and vagina, is now pretty well established from the fact that it is used now more or less by almost all gynecologists. Just what its '*modus operandi*' is I do not know; our *materia medica* does not say anything about its effects over these parts."—*Obstetric Gazette.*

#### IODIFORM IN UTERINE AND CATARRHAL DISEASES.

Dr. Fowler, of Youngstown, Ohio, makes a pliable mass for iodoform by mixing it with isinglass and glycerine. The isinglass is reduced to a jelly with steam, and enough glycerine added to give it consistency and pliability. The proportions are about as follows:

℞ Iodoform..... ʒ i.  
Isinglass..... ʒ viii.  
Glycerine..... ʒ iv.

—*Medical Reporter.*

#### CHRONIC ECZEMA OF THE PALM.

The following lotion I have found very beneficial in allaying the intense irritation which so often accompanies this common skin disease. It consists of bicarbonate of soda, 2 drachms; bicarbonate of potash, 1 drachm; glycerine, 1½ drachms; tincture of opium, 2 drachms; water to 8 ounces. I was at first induced to use it in a case of eczematous irritation, in which every application I had used proved of no avail, on account of the marked relief from pain which the local use of the bicarbonate of soda frequently gives in severe burns. On