

uterine action. The poor woman was by this time dreadfully distressed in mind, and impatiently called on me "to finish my work;" after assuring and tranquillizing her mind, she fell into a sleep and continued in it for 2 hours, when the uterus commenced to act, but as the expulsive efforts were feeble, I gently assisted by the feet, and in half an hour, the child was brought into the world by a good pain, dead of course, fearfully bruised, and as the nurse said, "as black as charcoal," the speedy removal of the placenta was necessitated by the profuse hæmorrhage which followed the expulsion of the child; and which was controlled by pressure on the uterus for 3 hours continually—a good plan in such cases is to dip one hand into cold water and apply it over the uterus, keeping the other in a basin of cold water, ready to take the place of its fellow, when it becomes warm; thus applying cold and pressure at the same time.

The patient had a long and tedious convalescence but eventually recovered, and the only inconvenience she felt was a desire to pass her urine somewhat more frequently than usual.

From what the midwife stated, I should think that the poor creature took about 100 grains of the Ergot, in the 2 doses given her, and it certainly is most extraordinary, that under all the circumstances, the uterus was not ruptured; and I congratulated myself most fully at the wondrous good fortune, that attended my first midwifery case in Canada.

ART. XXVI.—*Case of Foreign Body removed from the Rectum.* By
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I was called to see R. T., a carter, whom I found, together with his wife, in a state of considerable alarm, in consequence of his being unable to pass per anum a solid hard substance, which projected sufficiently far, externally, to allow it to be partly seen and touched, but which neither his efforts, nor those of his wife, were sufficient to withdraw. I ascertained that it was a portion of bone, and having seized it with a pair of forceps, after breaking it, I removed the *flayer* of a chicken, or young fowl. The man admitted that he had been indulging in such unusually luxurious fare a few days previously, but would not allow that he was in any way conscious of having swallowed the bone, nor that he had suffered in any way during its passage into, or out of the stomach, nor at any time of its long course, through the intestinal canal, till it was about