

surgeon-accoucheur in large practice, who was so much struck with its simplicity and apparent safety, that he resolved to adopt it on the first favourable opportunity. An occasion soon presented itself, in a case where nothing but the long forceps could have effected the delivery of the sufferer; and shortly afterwards in a second instance, where turning and delivery by the feet would have been indispensable to save the patient's life.

In both cases the injection of about a quart of tepid water was attended with complete success; the patients were both delivered of living children by the natural efforts, without any unfavourable symptoms ensuing.

We have gathered these particulars from the owner of the cow, the gentleman who, with his own hands, made practical application of Professor Dick's valuable suggestion, believing that the procedure indicated is new, free from danger in itself, and likely in many cases to obviate the necessity for more formidable and painful operations.—*London and Edinburgh Medical Journal*.

CREOSOTE, A GOOD APPLICATION TO BURNS.

Creosote is one of the most valuable of those remedies which the ancient writers designated as *incarnatives*; *i. e.* promoting cicatrization. M. *Mascharpa* has drawn the attention of his countrymen (*Gazetta Medica di Milano*) to its excellent effects in this respect, as an application to many ulcers. He has used it also in several cases of burns with the most satisfactory results: it soothes the pain of the injury at the time, and accelerates the subsequent progress of the cure. The best mode of using it is in the form of lotion,—made by adding 20 or 30 drops of it to two or three ounces of water, and applied with pledgets of linen to the injured surface.

(The *London Pharmacopœia*, in its last edition, contains an "Un-*gentum Creosoti*," prepared with half a drachm of the oil to an ounce of lard; it is applicable for the same purpose as the solution of the oil in water.)—*Med. Chir. Review for July 1844*.

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