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ART. XIV.—*A Case of Sterno-omphalopage.* By JOHN REDDY, M. D.,
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The following singular case may not prove uninteresting to your readers:—

On the 29th August, 1858, I was sent for to see a woman whom I was told had been some hours in labor. On my arrival at 8½ P.M., I was informed that it was her tenth labor; that she had been delivered of eleven children in the previous confinements, having had twins the first and third times. The midwife gave me the following account:—At 4½ P.M., when she was sent for, the labor-pains had commenced, they continued very regularly, and the os uteri dilated to about the size of a half-crown. At 6 o'clock P.M. dilatation was completed, and the head began to descend. It passed the os externum about 7½ o'clock, and, although the pains were very frequent and strong, at the end of an hour there was no further advance; and, perceiving that every effort to aid the delivery was unavailing, she determined upon seeking assistance.

On examination I found the head fully protruded, face swollen, and of a dark livid color; life must have been extinct for some time, and the labor-pains were neither frequent nor strong. Having employed traction several times during the presence of pain, I found that it had no other effect than causing about an inch of the neck to advance. At first