

7th. The irritation produced by the child's extremities in passing slowly from the uterus through the os and vagina assists in contracting the uterus and arresting hæmorrhage when it occurs.

HEREDITARY MALFORMATION.

I lately attended a woman in her confinement, who, on the external side of the middle of the first phalanx of each little finger, presents well formed stumps of what were supernumerary fingers. Her infant had one on one hand, and a tubercle on the other hand in place of it, showing that the tendency existed but development was arrested. On inquiry, I was informed that in her grandfather's family, three children, including her father, had these appendages, while four of her father's family were similarly marked. One of my patient's sisters, who was confined some time ago, also had the extra fingers, as also her infant. The finger of my little patient, which I have in my possession, is well formed and has a fully developed nail.

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Editorial.

INCREASE IN SIZE OF THE *LANCET*.

The next issue of the *Lancet* will be increased in size, and appear in an entirely new dress. From the encouragement and support we have received since assuming the management in September last, we feel justified in expending a considerable sum in improving the journal. It will be increased to 64 pages, and otherwise improved in appearance, so that it will, it is to be hoped, be still more acceptable to our many subscribers. Since we assumed the management, our subscription list has increased at about the rate of 50 per month, a circumstance which affords us considerable encouragement, and warrants us in proceeding thus early with the changes and improvements which we have in contemplation. The subscription price will still remain the same.