

as they would be if superficial incisions were made, allowing a retraction and a relative disturbance of the superficial muscular layers. The uterus being opened, the contents are extracted as rapidly as possible. Contraction usually begins at once; the uterus is gently kneaded by the hands until contraction is fairly firm. Catgut sutures are then introduced, not more than one centimetre apart, wholly within the muscular structure, care being taken not to implicate the endometrium. The uterine peritoneum is then closed upon this with fine gut suture, the clamps removed from the abdominal muscles, and the abdomen closed as in ordinary abdominal section. Professor Olshausen has performed this operation four times upon the same woman. The first time he made an extensive ventrofixation, and the three subsequent operations have been done without opening the peritoneal cavity. The worthy professor is represented as having said that if women only knew how easily they could obtain delivery through the abdomen many would seek this method in order to preserve the ante-partum condition of the external genitals.