

Three rows of suture were put into the uterine wall, consisting of cat-gut, No. 2 sterile. The peritoneum was stitched with the same material, the remainder of the abdominal wall with silk-worm gut.

The baby proved to be small, weighing only 5 lbs. 3 ozs. at birth. I am not prepared to say that it would not have passed through its mother's pelvis uninjured, but in view of the previous history of the case, coupled with the intense desire of both parents that no chances should be taken with the life of the baby, I felt that the correct plan had been followed.

Both mother and baby left the hospital on the nineteenth day in good condition, and I am glad to be able to report that they are still so. It is not long since the mother inquired of me as to the possibility of performing the same operation a second time.

Case No. 2. Nellie S., aet. 17, single, o-para. Menstruated last December 17th, 1908. Estimated date of labor September 24th, 1909. Admitted to St. Michael's Hospital, September 4th, 1909. External pelvimetry gave the following results, viz., Interspinous 25.25 c.m., intercrystal 26.5 c.m., external conjugate 17.5 c.m. The diagonal conjugate was 10.5 c.m. from which it was estimated that the true conjugate would be about 9 c.m. or 3.6 inches.

Being a nullipara we had no history of previous labors to guide or warn us, and it was therefore decided that she should be given the benefit of the doubt and allowed to go into labor with a view to determine what good contractions and moulding would accomplish.

At 6.00 p.m. on the 2nd October, 1909, labor began, being eight days over the time estimated for labor, as counted from the date of last menstruation, but just to the day estimated by measurement of the height of the fungus on admission.

Her pains were moderately strong, at intervals of fifteen minutes throughout the night, some rest being obtained by the use of morphia and hyoscine hypodermically and all vaginal examinations being most carefully avoided.

At noon next day the os was about the size of a twenty-five cent piece and the head not engaged.

Preparations for operation were completed and an abdominal Caesarean section done about 3.00 p.m., on 3rd October. No difficulty was experienced, and the same steps in closure of the wound were followed as in other case. The baby weighed eight pounds.

The puerperium was uneventful. The patient was up on the fourteenth day and left the hospital with her baby, in good condition on the twenty-third day after operation.

It is unnecessary, before such a meeting as this, to say anything in defence or by way of advocacy, regarding Caesarean section, but I