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*Case of Acephalous Monster of seven Months' Fœtation.* By  
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In the October number of THE CANADA MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL I reported a case of acephalous monster which had occurred in my practice shortly before. I again report another case which I met with a little over two months ago.

About the beginning of December last, I was asked to visit Mrs. B., who had been complaining for several hours. She was in the 7th month of her pregnancy, and on examination I found the os uteri slightly dilated. I remained in attendance six hours without much progress being made, and I determined, as in the previous case, to puncture the membranes as there seemed to be a large quantity of the liquor amnii. I had a vessel ready to collect it. A very great discharge took place, and in half an hour the child was born, precisely as occurred in the former case. On examining the child I found that the frontal, temporal, occipital and parietal bones, as also the brain and membranes were wanting, and that the base of the skull was covered with a thin purple-coloured membrane continuous with the skin. The child made no signs of life, and I cut the cord without tying it. A stream of blood issued from the cord, and I was obliged to tie it, shewing that the child had actually been born alive, but did not seem to possess