

THIRD STAGE OF LABOR.

I have not, as a rule, found any special difficulty in connection with the delivery of the placenta. I may refer, however, to one notable exception occurring in my second year in practice. Patient had been attended by a midwife, having a very long, tedious and extremely painful labor. Child was expelled without assistance. I was called in on account of the post partum hemorrhage. I found retained placenta with hour-glass contraction of the uterus. Treated her in the ordinary way by dilatation of the contracted ring and delivery of the retained placenta. Patient made slow recovery.

I would simply say then, deliver the placenta in the ordinary way, having due regard to the various complications which may exist.

Watch the patient with a little more than ordinary care for one hour after the completion of labor.

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