

ing the finger from the foetal head the posterior vesical wall. From the orifice of the urethra to the fourchette there stretched a strong bluish membrane, across which several veins ran. No opening capable of admitting the finest probe could be found. A somewhat similar case of persistence of the sinus urogenitalis is described by C. von Braun in his textbook. Coition must have taken place through the urethra, and some opening in the hymen must have existed, permitting the escape of the menses, which had been normal, and also allowing of the introduction of the seminal fluid. This orifice must have become closed up during pregnancy. Incisions were made in the hymen and in the perineum, and the labour was satisfactorily concluded.

MISCELLANEOUS.

YOUNG'S CIDER.—We can confidently recommend the above as a grateful and harmless beverage. Mr. Young has shown us the process of his manufactory, and when puzzling what to drink in such tropical weather as that we have lately experienced, nothing can be found more grateful to the palate than an iced draught of Young's now celebrated cider.

PELVIC CELLULITIS.—Dr. M. L. Halbert in the *Phila. Med. Times*.—The diagnosis presents difficulties. Peritonitis to a greater or less degree so often coexists, that we may make the diagnosis of pelvic inflammation, *probably* cellulitic, but this does not affect our treatment of the case in the early stages. In peritonitis the pain is likely to be sudden, sharp, agonizing and more general within the pelvis, pulse and temperature higher, more tympany and greater tenderness of the abdomen. The patient draws up both legs in peritonitis, and but one in cellulitis. In peritonitis the exudation is not always felt, and if it be, it is usually higher and more general. *Hæmatocele* is sudden in its onset, with symptoms of loss of blood; it is soft at first, then hardens; while in pelvic cellulitis the exudation is hard at first and then softens from supuration. *Hæmatocele* is generally post-uterin, distending Douglas's cul-de-sac,

crowding the uterus forward toward the symphysis pubis, while we commonly find the tumor on one side in the cellulitis.

Fibroid tumor is not accompanied by acute symptoms, and is not sensitive to touch. The tumor resulting from extra-uterine pregnancy sometimes closely resembles a cellulitic exudation in its locality, characteristics and many of the symptoms connected with its growth, but the presence of some of the ordinary signs of pregnancy would soon indicate the character of the growth. Within the year, I had a case of cellulitis accompanying or causing an abortion at two or three months, which, if the statement of the patient could be believed, closely resembled in nearly all its symptoms a case of tubal pregnancy; and in fact I thought it was a case of that nature. The patient thought herself pregnant two or three months; was seized with symptoms of abortion, such as pain, slight hemorrhage, etc. Rest and opiates did not relieve her. She continued in this condition for some days, but not ill enough to give up and remain in bed, having a little fever all the time. I made a vaginal examination, and greatly to my surprise, found a smooth, elastic tumor at the left and partly behind the uterus, somewhat tender to the touch, with pulsating vessels in the vaginal walls near the tumor. The uterus was displaced to the right, and I afterwards found contained the remnants of a placenta. These conditions taken together seemed to indicate very clearly, I thought, a case of tubal pregnancy, but I was mistaken, for within a few days the abscess ruptured into the rectum and discharged a large quantity of pus. It was surprising to me that so large a collection of pus could be formed with so small an amount of constitutional disturbance, there was no more trouble than we could expect from an abortion at that period.

If the patient be seen early, in the acute form, during the stage of congestion, the treatment should be prompt and thorough, with the object of arresting the disease before exudation has taken place. The patient should be put to bed and brought under the full influence of opiates, and kept there until the desired result is