

to feel rather hot. She was placed on her left side—that opposed to the uterine tumour. She kept pretty quiet in this posture, appeared to sleep tranquilly, and after a time awoke a trifle more conscious. Soon, however, she relapsed into her doze. A few slight twitchings of the arms had been observed meanwhile. At ten o'clock the messenger returned, who had been sent for some ergot to the town, about six miles distant. At five minutes past ten, I gave half one of the ten-grain powders ordered. Almost immediately a labour came on; but, even before it was observed, the woman exclaimed, "The water!" The membranes were ruptured; the head had at once descended lower: it soon placed itself right in the middle of the pelvis, and came further down. Fifteen minutes after the first, the woman got another dose of ergot, of two and a half grains only (the midwife in attendance having mistakenly once more divided the half powder left); fresh labour-pains ensued, which, thirty-five minutes after ten, caused the face of the child to appear at the outlet. The entire body followed rapidly, and was immediately succeeded by a great gush of blood, welling out in two or three large waves. Within a few minutes more, the placenta, perfectly normal, came away; the funis was rather short.

The child, a middle-sized male, was some little time before he made himself heard. Only by degrees the woman's consciousness returned; she felt weary, and was much inclined to sleep. Soon after eleven o'clock she had recovered her senses, and was not a little surprised at what had happened. The uterus kept contracting satisfactorily; nothing unusual further occurred. The number of pains had been seven or eight in all. As a stimulant, about three tablespoonfuls of poor Sauterne wine had been consumed during the process.—*Brit. Med. Journal.*

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#### RUPTURE OF THE ABDOMINAL PARIETES AND ISSUE OF A LIVING CHILD.

Dr. Geisseler relates the following extraordinary case:—A woman was found in a stable trodden under foot by a bull, and at the point of death. The horn of the animal had passed under the edge of the ribs in the right hypochondrium, and had torn the parietes in nearly a transverse direction as far as the left side. The intestines were torn and extruded, and the upper part of the uterus was carried clean away, with the exception of a portion on the right side, to which the placenta was still attached. The os uteri was closed. A full-timed, strong male child was in this way liberated uninjured from the womb, and screamed loudly. The funis was twisted several times round the neck, a piece of torn placenta remaining attached to it.—*Medical Times and Gazette.*