

thought, too weak to deliver. The opium caused her to sleep between four and five hours, and quieted pains.

At the end of this time the pains again commenced, and being sufficiently rallied I removed the plug, introduced the hand into the vagina, separated the placenta on one side, then cautiously introduced the hand into the uterus, found a foot, turned, and delivered; but the child was dead, and the mother was almost in *articulo mortis*.

The after-birth came directly away, but the uterus would not contract properly, and ergot seemed to have no effect. After rallying a little, post-partum hemorrhage commenced. I then gave her ʒj of sugar of lead, and half a grain of opium in two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, and some water. I kneaded the uterus, applied cold, etc. In about fifteen minutes she vomited; then the uterus contracted firmly, and the woman made a slow recovery, after wading through phlegmasia dolens.

I may here state that I consider vomiting of great service in floodings, and it may be speedily induced by pushing the finger down the throat.

CASE III. Called to a case of hemorrhage near the full term of gestation. On examination found I had a case of placenta previa completely covering the os.

*Treatment.*—As it was head presentation, I separated the placenta from the os as far as I could reach, and as my finger is long I completely detached it from one side; then gave ergot, as there was some pain, waited a few minutes and ruptured the membrane. The child was born alive, unaided by artificial means. The mother made a rapid and complete recovery.

CASE IV. In this case severe flooding had taken place twice, both of which had ceased before my arrival. Not so with the third flooding, as I found her still flowing, having lost a large amount of blood. Considering her too weak to deliver, and the placenta completely covering the os, I gave stimulants, plugged, and waited, ordering hot milk and chicken tea to be given frequently, then left, leaving orders to notify me should any unusual change take place. In about three hours I returned and found her rallied, as I thought,

sufficiently to deliver. I then removed the plug, separated the placenta as far as I could with my finger, gave ergot, and ruptured the membranes, believing it was head presentation. The placenta, being completely detached, was thrown off; then, on making another examination, to my disgust discovered a cross birth, which necessitated turning the child and delivering by the feet, which was done. The child was dead. The mother made a good recovery.

This case gave me a great deal of uneasiness, as I had my misgivings respecting the treatment which I adopted, which were not in the least soothed by a brother practitioner to whom I related the whole case shortly afterwards. My misgivings were due to two causes:—

*Firstly.*—Had I diagnosed cross-presentation in time, I would have turned either by external and internal manipulation, and before rupturing the membranes, if possible, or by introducing the hand into the uterus.

*Secondly.*—Had I done so the child's chances would have been better.

I may here state that as soon as the after-birth was completely detached and removed, although the child was unborn, there was no further hemorrhage.

CASE V. In this case I was called to assist another doctor, as his patient had lost a great deal of blood; and pains still continuing, and having diagnosed head presentation, I advised detaching the placenta from the os as far as possible, to give ergot and rupture the membranes, which was done. Natural efforts of the uterus, unaided, expelled both child and placenta. Child was dead. Mother made a good recovery.

CASE VI. AND LAST. Mrs. McC., residing on the border of London East, in London township; age 39 years; tall, thin, dark complexion; third confinement. Her husband came to my office on the 5th March, 1883, and said that his wife had lost a great deal of blood that morning, while sitting on the chamber making water, and without any pain or known cause. He thought she was within two weeks or a month of her confinement. Upon further enquiry I learned that he had placed her in bed and that the bleeding had ceased. I did