

stitution, felt the quickening of a child at the usual period of pregnancy. About a week after this, however, while walking in the garden, she stumbled and fell over a piece of low fence, on the abdomen, which produced an uneasy sensation for a day or two; but from this period she felt no more of the quickening, and the other symptoms of pregnancy subsided. She continued thus for six months longer, when labor came on—being a period of ten months from conception, and six from the time of quickening.

Upon being summoned to attend her, I found the membranes protruding externally, the os uteri being but partially dilated. I waited for an hour, during which the pains were active, when it became dilated sufficiently to admit the point of my index finger. I now assisted her, and succeeded in extracting, in a short time, a very tough membranous bag, containing nearly two quarts of "liquor amnii," having a reddish tinge, and a fetus with the usual characteristics of being four months from the time of conception, presenting no signs of decomposition, and covered with a viscid mucus.

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ART. XXIII.—*Urinary Deposits: their Diagnosis, Pathology, and Therapeutical Indications.* By GOLDING BIRD, A. M., M. D. Philadelphia: Blanchard & Lea. Demy 8vo. pp. 337.

The fact of Dr. Bird's Treatise having arrived at a third edition, speaks more for it than anything we can say in its praise. As it was the first, so it continues to be the best work on the subject. Its contents are so well, so familiarly known to the profession, so very few being without a copy of it, that a lengthened notice is a work of supererogation. The present edition, the "second American, from the third revised and enlarged London one," brings the

subject up to the present position of science, and is, accordingly an improvement upon its predecessors.

ART. XXIV.—*A Treatise on Dislocations and Fractures of the Joints.* By SIR ASTLEY COOPER, BART., F. R. S., New Edition, much enlarged. By BRANSBY B. COOPER, F. R. S. Philadelphia: Blanchard & Lea, 1851. 8vo., pp. 496.

To attempt a criticism of the work before us, whose world-wide reputation has long since been established, would be the height of absurdity; but the form in which the work is now "got up," and the size into which the portly quarto has been condensed, are subjects upon which we may descant, without exposing ourselves to the charge of presumption. Suffice it to say, that the large treatise of Sir A. Cooper is reprinted in the shape of a neat octavo, and all the illustrations are accurately given in wood-cuts; the text is enlarged by many additions by Mr Bransby Cooper, and by judicious and copious notes by the American editor. The work should be in the library of every surgeon. Its former price precluded its general circulation;—but as no such objection now exists, we strongly advise our readers, particularly those practising in rural districts,—where accidents are of frequent occurrence, and where the surgeon is thrown upon his own unaided resources—to purchase the treatise at once, and master its contents.

ART. XXV.—*A Treatise on the Inflammations of the Eyeball.* By ARTHUR JACOB, M. D., F. R. C. S. Dublin: Demy 8vo., pp. 344.

The greater part of this useful work has appeared at different times in our pages. Dr Jacob was the first surgeon who acquired a reputation for the treatment of ophthalmic diseases, as a *specialty* in Ireland, although