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CASE OF CÆSAREAN SECTION.

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On the 27th of February last I received a telephonic message from Dr. Abbott to go at once to Comber and bring obstetric case. On arrival at Stony Point, I found a man waiting to drive me to his house, about six miles south, where Drs. O'Keefe of Tilbury and Abbott of Comber were awaiting my arrival. The former had been called that morning at three o'clock to attend Mrs. G. in labor. She was about 27 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, well proportioned, and the mother of one child, 5 years of age. She had a tedious, but not serious, delivery of her first child, which terminated without artificial aid in about 24 hours. Some three years ago she was the victim of an accident which proved to be the cause of her present trouble. At that time a corn crib fell on her, fracturing the right ileum, and producing the deformity in the pelvis which eventually caused her death. There was nothing externally to show that any deformity existed, and it was only on attempting to apply the forceps that this was discovered.

As I said before, Dr. O'Keefe was summoned at 3 am., and found the os high and but slightly dilated. He waited some time, during which she was having strong labor pains, and the os becoming more dilated, with no advance of the head, he thought it best to apply the forceps. He attempted to do so,