

sides this, there are curious indescribable sensations felt at the epigastrium, and singular pulsations. In gastralgia the color of the patient's skin undergoes no unhealthy change, and his strength and flesh do not [generally] give way. Gastralgia is frequently accompanied by hypochondriasis, cancer is not. Gastralgia affects distant organs by sympathy only. In cancer, other organs become affected by similar disease."—*British and Foreign Review*.

Dr. Locock, first physician accoucheur to the Queen, has a fee of £1000 on the birth of a royal infant. Dr. Ferguson receives £500, and Sir James Clark the same.

### INJECTION OF THE UTERUS

AS A MEANS OF EXPEDITING AND FACILITATING DELIVERY.

A farmer in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh, son of a late eminent surgeon of that city, and well known to the editor of this journal, frequently had cows in great distress during their accouchement, and now and then perhaps, like other farmers, he lost a cow in the act of parturition. On one occasion, when a poor animal of considerable value had been suffering for a very long time, and there was every prospect of an unfavourable issue to the affair, as it seemed inevitable that the creature must die undelivered, the owner hurried into Edinburgh, distant about five miles, and took counsel with the veterinary professor, Mr. Dick, as to the course to be pursued.

At the suggestion of that gentleman, he, with all the expedition possible, threw into the uterus from six to eight quarts of tepid water, the animal's hind quarters being previously elevated by a bundle of straw, so as to aid in preventing the return of the water. The instrument employed in the injection was the flexible tube (in fact, that used for the stomach pump), attached to Read's patent syringe, which was easily introduced over the shoulder of the foetus, the muzzle and forefeet of which had been ascertained to be presenting at the commencement of the labour. The liquor amnii had completely escaped at a very early stage, and it was fully twenty-six hours afterwards before Professor Dick's excellent and ingenious advice was applied. But after the injection the calf was felt floating freely in the cavity of the womb. The animal, however, was so totally exhausted, that there still seemed no hope of the calf being expelled by the natural efforts. Nevertheless, within five minutes after the injection of the water, a vigorous pain came on, and the patient was speedily and safely delivered of a live calf, and sustained no other ill consequences than a few days' weakness, the natural effect of her previous suffering.

Our friend mentioned this very ingenious plan to a neighbouring