

Clinical Notes.

Extra-Uterine Pregnancy Operation.*

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MRS. L——, aged 34, married twice; the mother of one living child. Her first husband was a rough sailor. During two years of married life with this husband she suffered from recurring attacks of vaginitis, which were no doubt gonorrhœal. Was a widow for ten years. Was married to second husband a little over a year. Her menstrual periods were regular, the last beginning December 24, 1895, on which occasion she suffered much more pain and had a greater loss than usual. She was obliged to go to bed but got up Christmas day, which was the second day of her illness. She was very ill in February, had frequent attacks of vomiting and faintness. She suffered most in the night, vomiting much more continuously than during the daytime; said she had to take some food before rising in the morning to prevent fainting.

I saw the patient, for the first time, on the 4th April, the present month. I found her in bed, pale and distressed looking. She complained of pain in pelvic region and constant attacks of vomiting, inability to eat and so on. On examination I found slight fever, a hard swelling in the pelvis easily felt, especially on the right side, rising considerably above the brim of the pelvis. There was tenderness over the abdomen.

On vaginal examination I found a soft patulous os diverted to the left side. The uterus was very hard and fixed. There was a very tender and hard swelling in Douglas' cul de sac, most marked on the right side. There was white desintegrated shreddy discharge in the chamber, which the patient said came away with great pain when she sat on the chamber to pass water. She said the discharge came in pieces and fancied they came from the bladder. At this time there were no symptoms of collapse. I strongly suspected extra-uterine gestation but was unable to make a very positive diagnosis. However, I advised her to go immediately to the hospital for operative treatment. At this time she would not entertain the idea of hospital treatment. I next saw her on the 14th, and found an exaggerated condition of all the symptoms, including very severe pain. more

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