

afterwards, had healed down to the bones, and these were being cut off as fast as possible by nature's process, when my patient in a paroxysm of hysterical convulsions suddenly completed the separation by breaking off both bones close up to the line of separation. From this time recovery was rapid, a few weeks after some fragments of dead bone were thrown off, and the stump was soon completely healed over. All this occupied five months from the time I first saw her (about six from the beginning of the malady) and left her a healthy woman, minus her leg, which was removed about midway between the knee and ankle.

She lived comfortably for about two years after this occurrence and then succumbed to dropsy from disease of the heart.

Caso II. *A fetus in utero.* The mother who was a healthy woman, whom I had attended about two years previously in the delivery of a healthy child, was again seized with labour pains. There was a head presentation in the first position, the labour was wholly natural, completed in about six hours from the commencement, and the result was a fine boy, perfect in all respects excepting one leg. This had been amputated below the knee at the junction of the upper with the middle third, and the stump so completely healed over that it presented an appearance more like the extremity of the heel than an amputated stump; scarcely a cicatrix being visible. This was her third child, and the only one deformed, of the five which she has had up to the present time.

Nothing abnormal connected with the cord or placenta could be discovered, no injury, sickness, grief, or fright to the mother could be assigned as a probable cause for the accident.

It may have been the result of "being wound by the cord," or of being encircled by a "band of organized lymph," or a "prolongation from the egg membrane," which became twisted into a ligature about it, as held by different authors. Certainly it was done at an early stage of intra-uterine existence, and by some cause that did not interfere in any way with general development.

These two cases, although entirely different in circumstances, may still be classed under one general head, as having produced