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PUERPERAL ALBUMINURIA—ECLAMPSIA—INDUCTION OF PREMATURE LABOR—RECOVERY.

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The subject of this communication (F. C.) is a married woman, aged 30, of medium stature, rather stout, and of a nervo-sanguine temperament. During the spring of 1883 I treated her for mitral insufficiency, which was causing œdema of the lower extremities. I then made several examinations of her urine, and found it normal. While under treatment, she was taken with a subacute attack of rheumatic fever (her second attack, the first occurring six years previously), which ran a tedious course, but from which she made, however, a good recovery. During the following summer she enjoyed good health, better, she said, than she had for years; the œdema of the feet and legs disappeared, and she experienced no trouble whatever from her heart. She became pregnant, and she dated her pregnancy somewhere about the beginning of June, "but possibly not earlier than the first," as her husband had been absent from home until then.

On December 10th I was summoned to see her. I found her suffering from a sharp pain at the pit of the stomach, shooting through to the back, and from nausea and vomiting. She had been in the best of health and spirits until the night of the 8th, when the above symptoms set in, after a two hours' drive, and to that she attributed her ailment. On the 14th, she was not much better, having received only temporary benefit from the opium