

however, the mother: the same pain which forced the fetus from the uterus, "brought down," to use the words of the messenger who came for me, "the whole of her inside." I arrived at the scene of the accident about an hour afterwards. I found the woman laying on her back on a matirass placed on the floor, deluged in blood. She was moaning and sighing, tossing her arms wildly about, and gasping for cold air. Her pulse could scarcely be felt at the wrist, and her countenance was blanched and ghastly. When the nurse turned down the bed-clothes I was stunned; I saw before me my first, and I devoutly hope my last, case of "Inversion of the Uterus." Occupying the space between her thighs and nearly reaching down to her knees, was a large red membranous-looking mass, from which blood was oozing, and at its lowest part (the fundus), almost disguised by clotted blood, was attached the placenta. I immediately administered a tumbler of spirit and water, cold, with tr. opii in it; applied warmth and friction to the extremities, and, without waiting, forthwith proceeded to reduce the uterine mass to its proper position. After cleansing it from the clotted blood, the question arose in my mind, shall I reduce without removing placenta or not? Fearful of increasing the hæmorrhage, I determined to reduce with the placenta attached. Recollecting the rules laid down in the books, I began the attempt, and an attempt it was only. As soon as I touched the uterus, it contracted and shrunk, and gave me the feeling as if I was holding a live eel in my hand. I tried two or three times gently, but firmly, to reduce it according to the usual directions; but I made not the least impression on it. The weight of the placenta bothered me greatly; for on attempting to return the part that had last protruded, it was constantly dragged out of my fingers by the weighty placenta. The rules were now useless to me. What was to be done, hæmorrhage still going on and the woman sinking? I determined to remove the placenta, and reduce the uterus by pressure on the fundus. I quickly detached the placenta, and was most agreeably surprised to find there was very little hæmorrhage; in fact after it was removed the mass shrunk in volume. I now placed my left hand and fore arm under the organ, and supporting it in a line with the proper axis, with my right hand half shut, I pressed the tips of my rounded fingers firmly against the fundus, and pushed it upwards until my fingers were arrested by the constricted os. I made firm, but cautious, pressure against it, and in about half a minute I felt it yield. I then boldly, but cautiously, carried my hand upward in the axis of the pelvis, and, when my wrist was passing the constricted os, the fundus suddenly shot from my hand, and the organ resumed its usual position. Retaining my hand within the uterus for a