

found her abdomen to be rapidly increasing in size. Remained in bed all the 16th. During that night she began to have pains in her abdomen, and had also a considerable discharge of water from the vagina. I found the abdomen greatly distended, equal in size to a woman at the full time about to have twins. The motions of the foetus were quite perceptible. The os uteri was still undilated and very high up, and I could not tell what was the presentation. As the abdomen elicited a tympanitic sound, a turpentine enema was administered, and hot applications to the abdomen, which relieved the tenderness. In about six hours I could introduce my finger through the os, and I found the membranes to be entire, and that there was a great quantity of Liquor amnii. I introduced a probe into the uterus and ruptured the membranes, as I believed that the over distention of the uterus prevented its proper action. An enormous discharge took place and more severe pains came on almost immediately. In a short time I discovered an ear presenting, but there was something so remarkable in its surroundings that I was puzzled. When the foetus had descended to the perineum, I found to my surprise that I could hook my finger around the humerus at the axilla. I pulled the arm down and in few seconds the whole foetus was expelled, and a most remarkable discovery was made, and all my anxieties about the presentation were explained. There was a face with two ears projecting upwards like a cat, eyes projecting forwards but no orbit, a flat nose without bones, and absolutely no brain, or cranium. There seemed to be an ill-formed base of skull, covered with a thin purple skin continuous with the true skin of the back. There was no neck, the head resting on the clavicles and sternum. The foetus was female, and the rest of the body was well developed. The child was alive shortly before its birth, but shewed no signs of life after it was born except a clenching of its fingers on its palms. The parents are both handsome, healthy young persons. After the expulsion of the placenta the uterus remained