

A CASE OF EXTRA UTERINE FOETATION—OPERATION—RECOVERY.¹

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Mrs. E., æt 30, married ten years; three children, the youngest of whom is three years old; her general health has always been good; she had two miscarriages shortly after her marriage, but none since; her menstrual periods have always been regular.

About the middle of last summer she commenced to have a profuse leucorrhœal discharge which continued more or less till about Christmas, 1896. The discharge at the end of each menstrual flow became much augmented and very offensive. During the summer she consulted a Montreal physician who prescribed for her and under his treatment she made some improvement.

The last menstrual period occurred about Dec. 17th or 18th, 1896. When her menses did not return in January, she began to suspect that she was pregnant, but had no special signs other than a peculiar indescribable feeling in the breasts.

The first sign of trouble appeared on Saturday evening, Feb. 13th. On suddenly rising from the sofa on which she had been lying, to rebuke one of the children, she felt a sharp stitch low down on the right side. From that time on she always felt more or less pain in the right inguinal region, but for the next few days the pain did not interfere with her household duties to any great extent.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th, while standing at the piano, she felt a paroxysm of pain in the right side again, and became weak and faint. she sat down and after a drink of water was refreshed but the pains were more or less severe all that night.

I first saw the patient on the afternoon of the following day. That morning, *i. e.*, Feb. 17th, she had had several severe 'spasms,' as she called them, in her right side and said she felt afraid of a miscarriage. Superficial examination showed the right ovarian region to be very tender, but no swelling was discoverable; the uterus by external palpation was tender. No vaginal examination was made. There had been no vaginal discharge of any kind since the week preceding Christmas. Bowels regular, pulse and temperature normal, tongue moist, slight headache. Absolute rest in bed with liquid diet and a mixture of Bromide of Potass and Viburnum were prescribed.

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