

This time I could not make out any lower extremity, but the head I had felt in the first instance on the left of the pelvis was now approaching the mesial line, and very soon began to make rapid progress. Applying the stethoscope I once more counted 122 pulsations. The abdominal walls, now somewhat flattened, and less tense, permitted me to make out, high up and to the right, a hard convex mass which I recognized as a head. Auscultation in this neighborhood now made it very evident that another heart was beating at the rate of 152 to the minute. Thereupon I thought I might venture to announce to the bystanders the presence of a fourth infant.

While this investigation was in progress the labor was advancing; presently the occiput of the third foetus made its appearance; and soon afterwards the child was born. It was a boy, somewhat larger than its predecessors, and in perfect health.

Scarcely had I finished tying and cutting the cord, when a heel protruded between the labia. It was the fourth and last foetus; extraction was very rapidly accomplished, the latest born being a girl and the smallest of the quartette, but lively and well developed.

In consequence of the enormous distention of the uterine walls and their extreme thinness, I thought it would be prudent to depart from the habitual rules, and consequently administered a strong subcutaneous injection of ergotine. In twenty minutes, uterine action assisted by very slight traction expelled a huge placental mass consisting of the four placentas united by their margins. The membranes, which were very thin, seemed to me to form but a single sac.

In spite of my orders, the placenta was thrown away, and I was therefore unable to re-examine it with the attention it merited. Needless to add, the uterus was freely washed out with a solution of corrosive sublimate. No complications whatever occurred after accouchement; there was neither hæmorrhage nor fever, the secretion of milk was abundant, and with the help of three nurses this young lady was able to contribute actively to the nutriment of her children, of whom I lately received favorable news.

[M. Bousquet does not mention the nationality of this prolific young mother, but in all probability

she is not a Frenchwoman. Were that the case she would be the recipient of medals and diplomas of honor from the various societies engaged in combating the depopulation of France, and her name would be trumpeted through the press, from one end of the country to the other.]—*Provincial Medical Journal*.

[We desire to draw attention to the accuracy in diagnosing this case.—ED.]

Personals.

Dr. H. S. Harrison, of Brantford, Ont., is studying at the New York Polyclinic, paying special attention to diseases of the chest.

Dr. R. A. McArthur has returned to the city, having spent a year and a half as Chief Surgeon on the C. P. R. steamship *Empress of China*.

We have received a note requesting us to publish the fact that Drs. Burns, Atherton, Ferguson, A. A. Macdonald and Ryerson have withdrawn from the staff of the *Dominion Medical Monthly*. Knowing it to be authentic, we do so.

Dr. Ernest Hall, of Victoria, B.C., called on us and presented us with a most ingenious Japanese apparatus for the purpose of applying dry heat to the medicine man on his long drives in winter. It would be an excellent hand-warmer.

Dr. W. E. Hamill, who has been spending the past two years in the eye and ear hospitals of Chicago, New York and London, Eng., in the special study of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, has returned, and purposes locating permanently in Toronto as a specialist, at present at 159 Simcoe St. The Doctor's former dozen years' experience in a large general practice, together with his subsequent special training, warrants us in expecting him to enjoy the confidence of the profession from the start.

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

HILL—FOSTER.—At Holy Trinity Church, Welland, on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 1894, by the Rev. Dr. G. Johnston, Gilbert S. Hill, M.D., of Detroit, Mich., to Mattie Isabel Foster, M.D., youngest daughter of Mr. James Foster, of Welland.