

ing thus made, But it invariably fails here, as it does in the vagina. A large interligamentous abscess and a long sinus with branches becomes established, lined with a pyogenic membrane leading up to a small, contracted and cicatrizing opening, which will go on discharging a bland pus for an indefinite period of time. A case of this nature has most opportunely presented itself to me within the last few days. The following few notes will give some idea of its nature :—

Mrs. —, aged 21, married four years ; has had two children, youngest eleven months. At this last confinement she was about twenty-four hours in labor. Forceps was not used, but states she lost a very large quantity of blood. She suffered severe pain, almost directly after delivery, in her left side and left iliac region. She had severe rigors on the fourth day, followed by headache and fever. Two weeks after delivery she noticed a “ lump ” in left iliac fossa, which became gradually soft and red, and was now constantly troubled with chilly sensations and night sweats. She remained unable to leave her bed for two months after delivery, her chief reason for not attempting to do so being a feeling of intense exhaustion, which was not recognized as a most constant and important sign of a form of chronic septicæmia always seen in these cases. Five months after delivery the abscess in left groin discharged itself through an opening in the skin, and has been active ever since.

*Vaginal examination.*—Cervix lacerated on left side up to the fornix vaginæ. Right side of cervix normal. Uterus is freely moveable and in normal position. On left side of pelvis there is a hard, solid tumor about the size of a large orange. It is freely moveable, and quite separate from uterus, which can be pushed away from it towards the right side of pelvis. It is not very painful, just a little tender on pressure. Vaginal pressure, with combined palpation of the other hand outside, causes a most profuse discharge of bland pus to run down the genito-crural notch of that side. No fluctuation apparent. Further examination of pelvic organs gave negative result. On examining the left groin, a small opening, giving passage to smallest size silver probe, was found situated about midway between the anterior superior spine of ilium and spine of pubis,