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### PUERPERAL ECLAMPSIA.\*

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THE notes of two cases of post-partum puerperal eclampsia form the subject of a few remarks which I desire to make this evening.

CASE I. Mrs. E., aged twenty-three years; confined on January 23, 1895. A small growth upon the roof of the mouth had been removed under chloroform in the fifth month of pregnancy. At the time of confinement her general appearance was remarkably anæmic. The delivery was accomplished quite naturally; no post-partum hæmorrhage. About an hour and a half after the expulsion of the placenta she was seized with a severe fit. Unfortunately, I did not observe the seizure, having left the house some few minutes, but, upon returning immediately, found her quiet and hardly conscious; pupils dilated, but conjunctival reflex present. A hypodermic injection of morphia, three-eighths of a grain, was at once given, and, later, one-quarter grain doses of calomel every half hour until

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