

A CASE OF PORRO-CÆSAREAN SECTION IN WHICH BOTH MOTHER AND CHILD WERE SAVED.*

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The patient upon whom the Porro-Cæsarian section was performed is aged 32 years. She was born in England but has lived in Canada and the United States since she was 19 years old. She has been married for fifteen years and during that time has given birth to three full-term children. The first labour was instrumental, the child being large, well-developed and healthy. The second child was delivered without assistance but was born dead, the cause of its death being unascertainable. The third child was delivered by Porro-Cæsarean section on September 24th, 1900.

Menstruation began when she was fourteen years old and appeared every 28 days, each period lasting three or four days for the first five years, but for eight days more recently. The flow has always been profuse but there have been no floodings. Her last period occurred in December, 1899, and was the same as usual. The patient usually had pelvic pain for half a day, the pain beginning just before the flow would appear. For the last twelve years the patient has suffered from a profuse leucorrhœa.

Present Illness.—On December 20, 1899, the patient had her last menstrual period. She was quite well until early in May, when she was violently shaken while standing up in a street car. She was suddenly seized with severe pain in the right iliac region, but was able to continue her journey in the car and walk about half a mile to her home. She continued her work as a weaver during the following week, at the end of which time, however, the pain (which had been continuous since its first onset) became so severe that she was confined to her bed, where she remained for two weeks. While in bed a lump the size of a hen's egg appeared in the right groin but gradually disappeared in about three weeks from its first being noticed. From this time up to two months ago the only pain felt by the patient was the one in the right side, but at this time she was suddenly seized with pains, which started in the back from whence they radiated down into the pelvis. These resembled

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