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FIBROIDS COMPLICATING PREGNANCY — DIFFICULTIES IN DIAGNOSIS—AUTOPSY.

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A friend, to whom I sent a brief and incomplete description of the following case, has requested me to furnish notes of it for publication. As it possesses features of diagnostic interest I have decided to comply with his request :

Mrs. Y—, the subject of the subjoined sketch, was a mulatto woman, aged about 30 years. She was of slender form, bright, energetic, active in her habits, and quite healthy. She was the third wife of a robust Anglo-African, who is no doubt quite competent to discharge efficiently his marital duties, as he has had several children by a former spouse. Up to June last Mrs. Y— had menstruated regularly. She had never suffered from dysmenorrhœa, or amenorrhœa, and only once from menorrhagia, in November, 1882. She flooded profusely on that occasion, and was rather alarmed in consequence ; but she soon rallied from the depressing effects of the loss of blood, and continued to menstruate regularly, and quite normally, until early in June, 1883. There was no regular menstrual flow after that date ; but on a few occasions a small clot of blood was expelled from the vagina. In other respects she was entirely free from any abnormal symptoms, or sensations, referable to the uterus or its appendages, if we except slight nausea in the mornings, and occasional incontinence of urine. This condition of affairs continued from the first of June, 1883, to some time in the