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Puerperal Convulsions.—Patient delivered of Twins.— Recovery. By T. G. Roddick, M.D., House Surgeon, Montreal General Hospital.

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The following case I have thought it well to bring before your notice, not so much on account of any special peculiarity in itself, as from a hope which I entertain that it may be the means of ventilating the experience of those present on so important a subject of obstetrical practice.

About 9 o'clock on the morning of New Year's Day last. the subject of this paper, an English-woman, thirty-two years of age, two years married, and eight month's pregnant, was seized while at her breakfast-table with a faint Her husband !! Bediately carried her to the bed, but she had scarcely been put there when she was seized with a severe convulsion, characterized by all the wellknown symptoms of epilepsy. She had no sooner recovered from one fit than another came on, and these continued in quick succession for some hours. At length a medical gentleman, living in St. Joseph street, was summoned, who considered the case as simply one of epilepsy, and not recognizing the gravid uterus as an exciting cause, ordered the ordinary bromide of potash epileptic mixture. visited the case frequently during the next twenty-four hours, and witnessed the convulsions. At the end of that time application was made for the admission of the patient

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