

mistake in thinking I had detected a second child, as it might be a case of hour glass contraction with retained adherent placenta. However, I requested him to introduce his hand, which he did, when he immediately exclaimed, "you are correct in your diagnosis, there is another child with hour glass contraction of the uterus."

Shortly after this some hæmorrhage began to manifest itself, which told upon the patient's constitution, whereupon we administered large doses of ext. Ergot, but it had no effect in producing uterine action, and we then insisted that the patient would allow us to deliver her immediately, but she most obstinately refused, saying—"there was no second child, and if we would only allow her to remain quiet, she would soon be better, when the after-birth would come away of itself."

We urged and remonstrated with the patient on such folly, as her life was now in great jeopardy, and her only hope was in speedy delivery; but she would not consent, and after waiting about 12 long hours she reluctantly allowed us to proceed.

Dr. Frazer administered the chloroform, and I carefully introduced my hand up to the stricture, and by gentle but persistent pressure, I succeeded in passing my hand through it, and with some difficulty secured the feet, and delivered without much trouble.

There were two placentæ—one in the lower segment, and the other in the upper chamber. I introduced my hand and found the lower one detached, but the upper one was adherent, and required great care and patience in peeling it off.

The uterus slightly contracted upon my hand, when I gently withdrew it.

There was no post partum hæmorrhage, and in an hour the patient had somewhat rallied under stimulants administered *ad libitum*, and felt comfortable. I may state *en passant* that the second child was quite softened and in a state of decomposition.

The patient remained quiet and calm for seven or eight hours, when she wished some arrangement to be made with her bed, she then turned her face to the wall, and in a few minutes *passed away to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns*.

This was one of the most extraordinary and unique cases which it has ever been my lot to witness, for I have not heard, neither have I ever read of such an anomaly. For here we have a case of the uterus assuming an hour glass condition, retaining the second child the same as the placenta is retained, in an ordinary hour glass contraction. And here we have the uterus unable to expel the first child owing to its division into two chambers. I regret to say that the friends would not allow a post-mortem.