

common cause of death after ovariectomy, but antiseptic surgery will most certainly do away this. If enucleation could have been performed in this case, matters would have been simplified very much, but it is very doubtful whether this procedure can be resorted to in any case where the tumor is very large, and its vascular connections intimate. Spencer Wells enucleated an intra-mural fibroid* weighing 17 pounds, but the patient died four hours afterwards from the effects of hemorrhage.

A word or two about the value of abdominal pulsation in the diagnosis of solid uterine tumors. We believe it was Lawson Tait who first publicly insisted on the value of this sign. We have a case at present under observation where there is probably a large fibro-cystic growth springing from the uterus and drawing it up to within two inches of the umbilicus, but no pulsation can be felt in the tumor.

In conclusion we have much pleasure in quoting the following words from one of the most distinguished ovariectomists † :

"Never operate without perfect antiseptic precautions in ovariectomy. I trust the time will come when every student of medicine will be compelled to study the theory and practice of antiseptic surgery; and I believe fully that the time will come, and is not very far distant, when the general voice of the profession will demand that this special operation shall not be undertaken without antiseptic precautions."

CASE OF SCARLET FEVER FOLLOWING PARTURITION—PUERPERAL MANIA—RECOVERY.

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The following case is of interest owing to the unusual complication of diseases, the high fever, and the severity of the symptoms. An analysis of the urine was not made in this case owing to the difficulty in obtaining a specimen, as it was voided in bed, and for the greater part of the time involuntarily; but that a sufficient quantity escaped from the system was evident from the saturated appearance of the bed clothing.

* *Brit. Med. Journal*, July 27th 1878.

† J. Knowsley Thornton in the *Medical Times and Gazette*, for July 13th 1878.

In the morning of March 18th, 1878, I was called unexpectedly to attend K. R—, æt. 21. single, and parturient for the first time. There was nothing of unusual occurrence in her labor, vertex presentation, with occiput right anterior, the uterus contracted well, and after four hours of moderate labor, was delivered of a healthy male child. The placenta was readily expelled, the uterus firmly contracted, and the patient was left in the best of spirits. She continued to do well for a couple of days, but on the third day, the 20th, was not so well; had considerable fever, and was much excited; pulse 146 per minute, and had pain through the night in hypogastric region. Administered ergot and bromide of potassium. Two hours subsequently, was again called; pulse 144 and temperature in axilla 104.8 F. She complained of a dry hacking cough, but auscultation and percussion failed to discover anything abnormal with lungs or heart. There was no abdominal tenderness, but as lochia was scanty I ordered warm water injections per vaginam, and a full dose of castor oil to be administered.

March 21st. Slept well during the previous night; temperature high, 105°; pulse 142; cough still troublesome, bowels well relaxed; says she feels better, no pain; abdomen somewhat tumid but neither rigid nor tympanitic, and the lochial discharge more abundant. The digestive organs deranged, tongue coated, loss of appetite, and much thirst. The urinary apparatus normal. The child nurses well this morning but had not done so previously, owing as much to the mother's want of affection and inclination to have it nurse, as to the child's inability to accomplish the act. To take tinct. aconite and spt. ether. nit. instead of the ergot and bromide of potassium. Rested easier in the afternoon; respiration 30; pulse 142; temperature 105.2°; throat somewhat irritated.

8 P.M. Is much better. pulse 120, temperature 104°; no pain; spts. mindirerus to be added to the medicine now taken.

March 22nd, 4 o'clock A.M. Is very thirsty; drinks a large quantity of water, which she vomits. The tongue is cleaning and not so sore, but swollen a little.

At 10 o'clock A.M., was much better; pulse 120, temperature 103° F. $\frac{1}{2}$

Eight o'clock P.M. Has been very restless through the day; pulse 122; temperature 103.8°; to take a Dover's powder at 9 o'clock.