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ART. XII.—*Inversion of the Uterus.* By F. S. VERITY, M.D., Hemmingford.

The practice of midwifery is of such primary importance to the country practitioner, that on it depends, in a great measure, whether he will achieve an honorable reputation and the fair rewards of successful fortune, or be doomed to the bitter disappointments attendant on failure and ill-luck. In short, as a general rule, midwifery either "mars or makes" the country practitioner. Now, although he may leave the lecture-room and the hospitals thoroughly furnished for his work, and although he may have been a most diligent clinical student in obstetrics, yet there are cases, and difficult ones too, which have not come under his observation, and his knowledge of which is derived, solely, from lectures and books; and if, in his early career, he should have the ill-luck to meet with one of these formidable cases, which startle even the most experienced obstetricians, but which, fortunately, are of rare occurrence, he may, from want of success, and this from no fault of his own, have his reputation ruined and his prospects blasted. I have been led into this train of thought by a case which happened to myself, about ten years ago, and out of which I came with good luck and increased reputation: it was a case of "Inversion of the Uterus," the particulars of which I give below, and which may be interesting to any surgeon who is unfortunate enough to meet a similar case for the first time:—

Mrs. R. was about 40 years of age, and the mother of 9 children; her figure was squat and round, shewing a large roomy pelvis; the abdomen pendulous; her health strong and rugged. She was taken in labour with her 10th child, and, while walking up and down, a sudden pain expelled the child, which fell on the floor, and was not materially hurt. Not so,