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CASE OF PLACENTA PRAEVIÆ.

WITH THREATENING URÆMIC CONVULSIONS; RAPID
MANUAL DILATATION OF THE OS UTERI; TURNING
AND DELIVERY; RECOVERY.*

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By permission of Dr. S. F. Wilson, of this city, who called me in consultation, I am allowed to report this case. Mrs. M., the mother of three children, had always been in robust health until her first pregnancy, eight years ago, when she nearly died from puerperal convulsions. She was only saved then, Dr. Wilson informed me, by *accouchement force* at seven months, after having had convulsions every week from the fourth month, in spite of treatment. She became pregnant with her fourth child about the first of November, and every month after that she had considerable hemorrhage without, however, sending for her doctor until about the sixth month, when she had such a severe one that she sent for Dr. Wilson, who at once diagnosed placenta previa and packed and gave ergot to stop the hemorrhage until I could be sent for.

On my arrival the woman was in a very serious condition requiring saline enemata and hypodermics of strychnine. While Dr. Wilson was doing these things and his partner, Dr. Morrison, was administering the anaesthetic, I was preparing my hands, and in a few minutes with one hand on the abdomen and the other in the uterus I had rapidly dilated the cervix and caught a foot and brought it down without rupturing the bag of waters. This was then done and in less time than it takes to tell it the six months foetus was delivered

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