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SPONTANEOUS INVERSION OF THE UTERUS.

Recently I was called hurriedly to a case of labor. On arrival, I found that the child had been born, and that the patient—a primipara, aged 21 years—was obviously suffering from profound shock—a small, rapid, and feeble pulse, sickness, and a cold clammy skin. On examination, I found the child and placenta expelled on the bed, and the entire uterus inverted, protruding as a globular mass. The entire organ was in a state of relaxation, but hemorrhage had not been excessive. My hand placed on the abdomen defected the absence of the round ball of the contracted uterus. I reduced the inversion by grasping the uterus in the hollow of my hand and pushing gently and firmly upwards into its natural position. On making inquiries, I was satisfied that there had been no mismanagement of the third stage of labor, either by traction on the cord, the placenta being still adherent, or by improperly-applied pressure on the fundus. No mechanical cause could be traced, and the occurrence was undoubtedly one of spontaneous inversion. Such an occurrence is, I believe, one of great rarity. It was only observed once in upwards of 190,800 deliveries at the Rotunda Hospital since its foundation in 1745, and not once in 250,000 deliveries in the Vienna Lying-in Hospital, and many practitioners have conducted large midwifery practices for a lifetime without ever having witnessed a case. My patient never recovered from the shock, and died twenty-eight hours after delivery. The case, especially occurring in a primipara, seems sufficiently rare and curious to be worth recording.—*Brit. Med. Jour.*

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LETTER FROM BERLIN.

The City of Berlin is the most modern of the cities of the world and the cleanest, with well-paved and brilliantly lighted streets, and traffic regulated by polite white-gloved police officials in a manner which strongly suggests a military compliance. The street car service is excellent, the rolling stock good, and the road-bed even, and there is an absence of the disgraceful