

a too decided opinion. As I am speaking to practitioners, they will at once understand that difficult position in which the physician is placed in similar circumstances, and what blunders have happened from a too hasty opinion.

Between the fifth and sixth months there was bleeding from the nose. This circumstance confirmed me a little more in my belief of simple suppression of menses. I had not yet given any attention to what might be the case, if not that but pregnancy.

At the six monthly period I repeated the same, emmenagogues, and advised driving out instead of walking, as heretofore. All this was of no avail. The mother was very uneasy on account of remarks frequently made as to her daughter's appearance. As she could not go out walking or driving in town without her appearance calling suspicion, I recommended then the country air, expecting that there, by plenty of exercise, menstruation might reappear. At the seventh monthly period I did nothing, and left all to nature.

There was no change during these seven months worthy of attention, except the volume of the abdomen continually increasing, the bleeding from the nose, and occasional pains in the back, and sick stomach.

The eighth month came, and all in same state.

On the 8th October last, in the afternoon, I was sent for hurriedly. The mother was in an awful excitement—the father had left the house after having given his malediction to his daughter. The girl herself was very anxious, but was calm under the trial. As I entered the room, the sofa and floor underneath were covered with what appeared a viscid fluid, like dissolved gum Arabic, and also a very great quantity of clotted blood. She was pulseless, in an extremely weak state. My anxiety was exceedingly great. I had no time to loose; therefore, I introduced my hand in the vagina, but could not succeed in entering even the finger through the os tincae. The blood, through the small aperture, was continually flowing and the abdomen became quite flat. I remained for two hours near the patient, and during that time she rallied so much that she considered herself as well as ever. To the touch, the neck of the uterus was extremely hardened, and retaining nearly the same shape as if the uterus had not been expanded. The after-treatment of such a perplexing case was very simple. I ordered a nutritious diet twenty-four hours after this occurrence, injections of cold linseed tea per vaginam, to relieve the induration of the neck of the uterus. It was indeed relieved, and the flow of blood continued for eighteen days afterwards. Since then, her menses have reappeared regularly and her health is perfect.

This flood took place 8½ months from the last appearance of the menses.