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CASE OF UTERINE POLYPUS CAUSING SEVERE CONTRACTIONS RESEMBLING LABOUR PAINS LASTING SEVERAL YEARS

REMOVAL-RECOVERY.

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Mrs. T., 55 years of age, consulted me on the 21st of July, 1901, for a bearing down pain in the pelvis, from which she had been suffering for 12 years. She gave me the following history: She began to menstruate at the age of 13; the flow being profuse, painful and irregular. She was married at the age of 27, and had 9 children; her confinements were very quick, but she had hæmorrhage each time. Her last child was born 14 years ago, and she has had no miscarriages. Twelve years ago, or two years after her last child, she noticed a lump in her abdomen extending 3 inches above the umbilicus, and she began to have bearing down pains and to loose large clots, and when she was not passing clots she was loosing much dirty water or gluey discharge. During these 12 years she has had to remain in bed many times for 10 or 14 days at a time. She has been constipated nearly all her life, except for 6 months last year she had diarrhœa every morning. The patient now presents a very