

"In all such cases," as Casault says, "our rules of conduct should be based upon the condition of the womb itself, rather than on the length of time that may have elapsed since the birth of the first child; because it must be evident that relaxation and inertia of this organ would forbid all attempts at extraction, and that we should never endeavor to deliver the second child before having excited the organic contractibility of the uterus by all the

available means. If by chance these measures prove inadequate, it will be better to wait several hours, or, if necessary, even for several days, rather than expose the woman to the terrible consequences resulting from inertia."

I remain,

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## GENERAL NOTES

A LITTLE knowledge is a dangerous thing.

"And what's the little darling's name?"

"Well. You see he's our eighth child, so we've had him christened 'Octopus.'"—*Punch*.

THE municipal authorities of Moscow have voted a large sum of money towards the establishment of a hospital for incurables, as a thank-offering for the escape of the Czar, on the occasion of the late railway disaster.

AN international exhibition of Elementary Substances will be opened at Cologne, on May 18th, 1889, and will remain on view until Oct. 15th, of the same year. Austria, Hungary, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, Holland, and Belgium, are already named among the nationalities to be represented.

DES MOINES, Ia., has a crematory for the city refuse which cost only \$1,700. As an indication of its effectiveness there was at one time recently burned in it, in one hour, two dead horses, seven dogs, eighteen barrels of garbage, three hods of manure, fifteen bushels of rotten eggs, and three barrels of rotten fish, and no offensive smell was emitted.—*Ex.*

SPEAKING of the effects upon woman of the numerous operations upon her genital apparatus, the *Medical Press* says: "Shorn off her clitoris on account of her masturbating habits, of her tubes and ovaries for suspected pyo-salpinx, and of her uterus for possible fibroids, she will gaze with pity and wondering contempt on the passions which animate her fellows."

A LEAN, misanthropic physician, in a small hamlet, had as his only opponent a handsome robust man. The strife between the two was violent. One day a lady asked the first why he was continually in bad health, whereas the other was so well all the time. "You see, madame," he replied, "the only man who can treat him I am, the only physician whom I can get is he."—*Paris Journal of Medicine*.

IN Alabama, a black negro girl, about 18 years old, has given birth to twins at seven months, one of which is as black as the ace of spades, and the other as white as any white child her medical attendant ever saw. This is as puzzling as the case recently reported, in which a beautiful young woman, with a tinge of negro blood so light as to be imperceptible, married an unsuspecting white gentleman, and in due time presented him with a black baby.

THE opening of the new hospital at Villanova, took place on December 6th, 1888. The hospital has been entirely built by Verdi, the composer. It is a large building and eligibly situated. There are two wings, one for each sex, with a separate ward for contagious diseases. There is also a hydropathic establishment; and ample arrangements for the disinfection of linen and other sanitary purposes. An efficient staff of nurses and attendants is also provided. Verdi has deposited adequate funds for the future maintenance of the hospital. On the opening day twelve patients were admitted.