

or morphine. A few days later there was complete blocking of the pelvis, her water having to be drawn with the catheter, and it being impossible to move her bowels even by enema. She became very distended and vomited a good deal. On examination on the 4th of February, the os was still long and narrow and closed, but after many severe labor pains and pains in the back like those of the first stage of labor, she was examined again on the 5th, the next day, when the vagina was found to be tightly plugged or filled with a hard mass the size of a full time foetal head; the cervix could not be reached. As the obstructive symptoms were urgent, she was on the sixth anæsthetized, and with the help of Dr. Sinclair of Gananoque and Dr. Field of Montreal, the ecraseur wire was passed around it as high as possible, but although of Delta metal, it broke; wounding my fingers in several places. Another and more successful attempt was made in getting the wire farther back, with the result that its connection with the uterine wall was severed, and it was delivered by strong tractions as one would deliver the foetal head with forceps. As the patient was a virgin it was impossible to avoid a laceration of the perineum, which was, however, at once repaired. In the meantime the contractions of the uterus had caused gangrene of the lower end of the tumor, and this probably became infected from the vagina, for her temperature gradually rose to 104, but was brought down somewhat by quinine, and a few days later it returned to normal. That the discharge from the uterus was very acrid, was evidenced by the fact that three of the little wounds on my hands suppurated and the patient's thighs were much excoriated. The patient is now convalescent and is up every day and will soon be going home with her abdomen flat and her uterus reduced to normal size.

Case II. was a patient about thirty years of age, married but sterile, from Holyoke, Mass., who had a fibroid the size of a foetal head in the posterior wall of the uterus. She was having very severe hemorrhages. She received ten applications, at the end of which time she had a period which only lasted three days, and was otherwise so natural that she believed herself cured and insisted upon going home, as she felt so well. She had been able to take in several inches in her