

perineal operation was performed. With her *fourth* (1885) labor lasted upwards of sixty hours, and was finally terminated with forceps. From the time labor became active till about three days after confinement she was delirious, with a few short lucid intervals. The severe lacerations of both cervix and perineum which resulted were repaired about thirteen months afterwards. All through the present pregnancy she has suffered severely from morning-sickness, and since June has been at times much troubled with oedema of feet and legs. Micturition has latterly been frequent and painful. During the past two months she has had a number of "fts," probably epileptic. The attacks always came early in the morning, before she was out of bed; she was generally found lying on the floor insensible, and consciousness did not usually return for about an hour. She remembered nothing of the attack, but always felt very sore and tired afterwards. During the last three months of pregnancy false labor pains have caused her much discomfort; for weeks she expected confinement daily, and on several occasions spent the night in the labor-ward. These pains were so constant and distressing that she could get very little sleep; during her last week a chloral draught was necessary every night. The urine contained neither sugar nor albumen. Labor proper began December 2nd, about 5 P.M.; the pains were strong and frequent, but labor progressed very slowly. The scar-tissue of the cervix would not yield and the anterior lip capped over the advancing head. Repeated hot vaginal douches and chloral draughts had but little effect. About 5 A.M. the following day nervous symptoms began. She had delusions, chiefly of vision; began to talk and sing, and at times became maniacal, threatening to throw herself out of the window, etc. The pulse ran up to 110, vomiting set in, and the head symptoms became gradually worse. A hypodermic of Liq. Op. Sedativ. and a very hot douche seemed to give some relief; suddenly a violent pain tore the head through the cervix and the child was delivered at 10 A.M. The head symptoms immediately declined and the pulse became quieter. At 5 P.M. 25 oz. of urine were drawn off with a catheter, and on examination it was found to have a spe-