

between the fundus and the parietes must have become very tough after so long a period, no special difficulty was encountered. In two of the cases the forceps was used, but not on account of uterine inertia; the foetal head was voluminous, and in one of the two cases internal rotation was delayed. The placenta was always expelled easily, and no serious *post-partum* hæmorrhage occurred. Fraipont observed the progress of pregnancy in several of these cases. The uterus does not increase specially in its posterior part, but quite uniformly, so that, as might be expected, the fundus gradually detaches itself from the abdominal wound. Even if the adhesions were not broken down, they would of necessity be so stretched as to be useless for their original purpose after delivery. Bands of adhesion could not share in the process of involution. As, however, the uterus undergoes perfect involution, it is restored to its original condition before the onset of the disease which rendered hysterectomy necessary.—*British Med. Jour.*

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TREATMENT OF INOPERABLE CANCER WITH METHYLENE BLUE.—On Prof. Ambrosio's advice, Alexandro (*La Mediz. Contemp.*) experimented with the influence of injections with methylene blue in carcinoma, which was considered inoperable. In a woman, 36 years of age, affected with an ulcerated and inoperable carcinoma of the left breast, the injections of methylene blue gave considerable improvement. During many months, parenchymatous injections were made every two days. The tumor became sclerosed and was reduced to small volume; ulceration and pains disappeared; around the tumor cutaneous nodosities appeared, which also were reduced by the treatment. The patient afterwards died of pleurisy. Autopsy proved that the tumor was transformed into cicatricial tissue without any adhesions. Two similar cases were greatly improved. Encouraged by such good results, the author tried the same treatment in a case of uterine cancer which infiltrated the vaginal wall. The patient was in an extremely grave condition because of an advanced anæmia. During six months she did not leave her bed. Morning and evening abundant vaginal douches with sublimate were given and injections every two days. After ten injections the patient could leave the bed. Complete suppression of pain and hæmorrhage diminution of the volume of tumors and even dispersion were obtained, in some cases treated by methylene blue. An examination of the urine showed that the drug had no bad influence on the kidneys.—*Medical and Surgical Reporter.*