

pains had been regular but slow. No complaint from the patient, but that she was much fatigued and her pains had left her. On examination, I found the head presenting, and well down in the *pelvis*, and all my inquiries as to *symptoms of rupture*, being negatived, I viewed the case as merely a temporary suspension of *utarine action*, which I would in a short time be enabled to renew. The patient exhibited no urgent symptoms, and as she stated the child to be living (from, as she supposed) having felt it move. I decided upon a little delay, to allow nature to rally, and with it, renewed action of the womb.

I, however, waited in vain, the patient became impatient and irritable, and all the usual means having failed to excite contraction of the womb, and more urgent symptoms exhibiting themselves, I decided upon instrumental interference and counsel. Having sent for Dr. McQueen, of this place, and Dr. Scott, of Prescott, (the latter gentleman being, happily in town, at the time,) both of high standing in the profession, and most successful and accomplished *acconcheurs*, these gentlemen on their arrival, and examination into the case, kindly agreed with the views I had taken, and the treatment pursued, and likewise the necessity of immediate delivery. The forceps were at once applied, and the child in a few moments was born *dead*, and from all the appearances, had been so, three or four days. The child was a *male*, and I should think would weigh eight or nine pounds. The placenta was removed without any difficulty, and the patient made comfortable in bed, feeling perfectly easy. On my visit in the evening, all was apparently right, except the patient complained of a little tenderness on the left side of the abdomen, and I now learned for the first time, that three or four days previous to her labor setting in, she had fallen on the corner of the *banisters*, and hurt herself. I examined the seat of injury, and discovered a small discoloration of the skin, about the size of a shilling, midway between the navel, and the middle of *Poupart's ligament*. Ordered fomentations and a dose of castor oil.

23rd. I found my patient had passed a comfortable night, the fomentations had relieved the tenderness complained of, but the oil had not operated. Ordered a small dose of *calomel* and *jalap*. On my evening visit I was surprised to find, no action on the bowels had taken place, and my suspicions were somewhat aroused by my patient bringing up in mouth fulls, a greenish substance almost continually.

Another minute examination elicited nothing, but a little tenderness about the seat of injury, on pressure. In addition to the fomentations I placed my patient upon *cal: and op:* every *three hours*, together with copious injections.

24th. Much improved, vomiting not so frequent, but still returned now