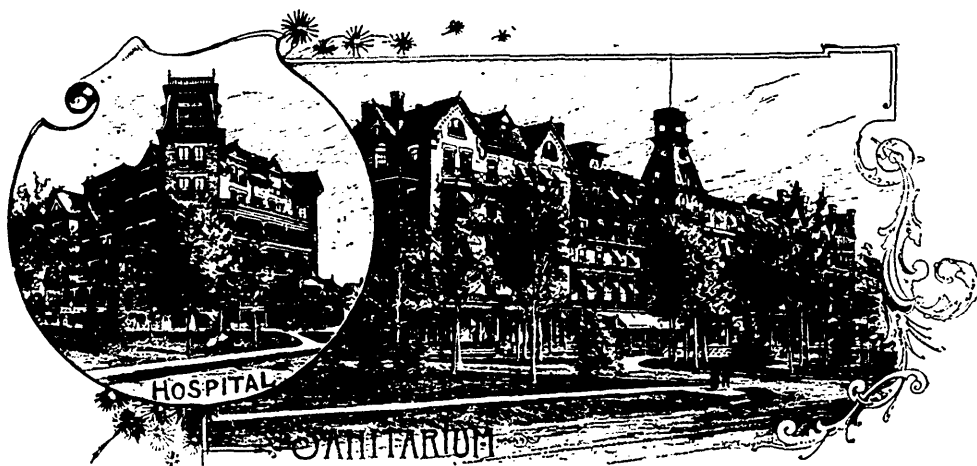


5. He uses a dressing of boric acid on absorbent cotton over the vulva, changing it whenever the cotton becomes saturated, and then bathes the external parts with some warm antiseptic solution. 6. He never advises a vaginal douche for the first week or ten days after labor in normal cases with no rise of temperature. 7. He tries to impress upon the nurse the importance of thoroughly cleansing her hands before attending the patient. Even with this treatment, arrest of flow, rise of temperature, etc., sometimes occur, probably due to undue exposure of the patient and using water of too low a temperature in bathing, and lack of proper cleanliness on the part of the nurse, especially in families where the nurse in attendance has to be cook, washerwoman, housekeeper, and attend, perhaps, to the numerous wants of older children, etc. It must be remembered that nature does a great deal in throwing off the material for sepsis to take hold of; and too much interference with the mother in the way of douches and washes repeated too often during the first few days is harmful, for it breaks her rest and adds to the

already high tension on the nervous system, which is altogether unfavorable to the normal restoration of the functions. Therefore, let us do what is necessary to make the mother comfortable in a cleanly, scientific way, and then we will have done our whole duty and will get the best results.—*Therapeutic Gazette.*

Two Cases of Asphyxia of the New-born Recalled to Life by the Rhythmical Traction of the Tongue.—In *La Tribune Médicale* for September 6, 1894, two cases of asphyxia of the new-born are reported, the first by Nordman, who extracted a child which did not respire, with pale skin and very feeble heart-beat. The mucus was quickly removed from the nose and mouth by the index finger. The tongue, being seized by a hæmostatic forceps, was drawn in the prescribed rhythmical fashion. After ten minutes' perseverance of this plan the child gave a single inspiration, but only continued to inspire so long as the tractions were continued; ten minutes later the child commenced to cry and continued to breathe,



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