

OBSTETRICAL PRACTICE "CASH ON DELIVERY."

—The fees for obstetrical practice ought to be strictly cash, as, in the nature of the case, there is ample time to make provision for it. We are sorry to say, however, that these fees are not always ready at the time the services are rendered, and, in fact, are too often never paid. We commend the following from an exchange, as a piece of effective logic: "Night of delivery, all things *secundum artem*. 'Doctor, it is not quite convenient to pay you to-night, but, if you will kindly wait for a week, it will be all right then.' 'Oh, certainly, it will be quite as convenient then, for I never lose any money on my obstetrical cases.' 'Indeed, how so? Why not?' 'Oh, because it is getting to be a well established superstition, based on facts, that parents who allow their baby boy to start out in life with a debt on his head the first thing, are sure to have a ne'er-do-well, shiftless son, and if the baby is a girl she is sure to marry a dead-beat.' A peculiar expression came over the father's face, and the mother gave an anxious wondering look at her baby. Half the bill was paid at the next visit, and the rest soon after." Another physician,

while attending an obstetrical case where the pay is not considered good, when asked, "Doctor, is the child marked in any way?" answered, "It has only one little mark about it, but you can easily remove that." "What is that, doctor?" "It is marked 'C.O.D.'"—*The Physician as a Business Man*.

—**THE JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICAL FACULTY.**—For several years past the trustees of the Johns Hopkins University have been endeavouring to complete the medical school, of which all the departments have been organized except those of therapeutics and anatomy. Transitory financial reverses prevented the organization of the school three years ago, when the hospital was opened, and the trustees made an appeal for half a million dollars to enable them to proceed with the work of medical education. About two hundred thousand dollars were raised, and it is now announced that Miss Mary Garrett, of Baltimore, has most generously given the three hundred thousand dollars necessary to complete the fund.—*New York Medical Journal*.

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