

BABY WITH A TAIL.—A correspondent to the *Memphis Medical Monthly* contributes the following:

In December last I was called to attend a lady in the country during accouchement, and seeing that she was likely to have a tedious labour, was very careful in eliciting her history prior to this trying ordeal. She stated she had not felt well for several months—ever since she had worried about some favourite young pigs that were being abused in the yard. Going out she carried the pigs into the house, lifting them fondly by the tail; and that occurrence bore on her mind, being much impressed by this novel way of transferring swine.

But alas! after labour was completed, the fond son was also blessed with a tail—a nice, well-formed tail—a tail just where a tail ought to grow—a five-inch tail. The mother, a primipara, did well, also the child; but the father, who was chagrined at so unusual an anomaly, requested its immediate amputation, which we reluctantly performed; after which he exclaimed: "Now, mine pig-boy does better."

The mother, like most women in whom I have

found this tendency to "spot" their young, was of a very frail and nervous temperament, and more than all, was ignorant.

But in conclusion, I am convinced that such mothers can, and do often, transmit their mental impressions to the child in utero, thus developing the many so-called mother's marks. I could relate several similar instances.—JULIAN BERRY, M.D., in *The Times and Register*.

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