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A CASE OF PRIMARY ABDOMINAL PREGNANCY.

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Mrs. R., aged 35, short and stout in stature. Nationality, Swiss. Has always been fairly healthy, except that she had a long and severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism about nine years ago, which left her with a weak and irritable heart.

Has given birth to three children and had two miscarriages.

Menstruated last on April 28, 1900, and at the usual time began showing the usual symptoms of pregnancy.

About the third month, or perhaps sooner, began to have frequent attacks of intermittent abdominal pains, especially at night, and I thought of tubal pregnancy; but these attacks were never severe, nor did they last long, and a few doses of viburnum would allay them. Besides, there never were any discharges of blood or signs of menstruation. On a former occasion, when pregnant, she had frequent pains, and finally miscarried at the fourth month. All of which made me feel that I was not warranted in either performing laparotomy or exploring the uterus, since the only sign of extra-uterine pregnancy was the frequent attacks of pain. When the fourth and fifth month passed without any tubal rupture, and the child continuing to live and grow, I concluded that my fears of extra-uterine pregnancy had been ungrounded. From the fifth month on she felt fairly well and did not suffer so much, considering the fact that she assisted in nursing two children, one after the other, through an attack of mild typhoid fever, during the months of October and November. In January of this year, I was called to see her, and found her with fever of a bilious character, a