

Fig. 1. *a a* and the remaining one around the thigh. The perineal band is now adjusted, rather firm, and the instrument extended with the key, to just enough to make the patient comfortable, and then locked by pulling the slide down over the spring Fig. 1 *c*.

In order to prevent the limb from swelling below the bandage, Dr. Sayre recommends the use of an elastic stocking or kneecap.

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A CASE OF EARLY PREGNANCY.—William McCollom, M.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., reports the following case:—Jane F., single, born in Vermont, of American parentage, was reared in poverty until adopted by a respectable family in easy circumstances, at the age of eleven years. About this time, and soon after she entered upon her eleventh year, she reached puberty, and menstruated regularly up to the time of conception, which occurred in the early part of the month of March, 1864, after intercourse with an old sinner sixty years of age. Her age at the time she conceived was twelve years and nine months, and at the time of her confinement, at full term, December 10th, 1864, thirteen years and six months. She was at this time a bright, active girl, with a childish face, and with a mind corresponding with her years, but in other respects had a womanly development, weighing about ninety-five pounds, with well-developed pelvis, full rounded limbs, and finely developed mammae.

I was in attendance soon after the commencement of labor, at five o'clock p. m. The pains were regular, with brief intervals of rest, gradually increasing in severity. On making an examination, found the os dilated to admit the point of index finger. After an hour and a-half had elapsed she was suddenly seized, without premonitory symptoms, with quite severe epileptiform convulsions, immediately followed by coma and stertorous breathing. The pains continued, lessened in degree of force, with considerable regularity. She was bled in the arm, and kept under chloroform until labor was sufficiently advanced to allow me to apply the forceps at three o'clock a. m. I delivered her, without difficulty, of a living girl, which weighed six pounds and eight ounces. After the delivery of the child she continued in an unconscious comatose state until nine o'clock the