

not progressing, I tried by pushing up the leg and the arm with the funis to engage the head in the brim, but without success. Traction on the foot and version were tried with similar want of success owing to the whole presentation being tightly jammed into the opening of the pelvis. These attempts occupied an hour. I then went for my principal, Dr. Anderton, and in a very short time returned with him, when we found that labor had made rapid progress, notwithstanding that the presentation was still as described above. The hand was outside the vulva, and the head was well engaged in the pelvis. The forceps were applied, and the delivery was completed in a couple of minutes. The child, which was dead, lay in the following position: The right arm was extended at full length above the head, and the right leg was flexed up along the body, reaching over the right shoulder; entangled around these was the funis. The child was full time and fully developed, and the mother stated she felt it move a couple of hours previous to sending for me. The largeness of the hand was due to œdema, the result, no doubt, of pressure, which also, acting on the cord, pro-

duced asphyxia.—R. HILL SHAW, M.B., in *British Medical Journal*.

Some Practical Points in Obstetrical Work.—Crow, in the *Virginia Medical Monthly*, gives the reasons which have led him to adopt the following routine as regards antiseptics in obstetrics. While it was not the result of scientific bacteriological investigation, but purely that of practical results obtained in the treatment of about eight hundred cases, it is, nevertheless, in accord with the results of our scientific investigators, namely: 1. If the patient tells him that she has no abnormal secretions from the vagina, then he advises a plain douche of hot soft water at the beginning of labor. 2. If she has an abnormal secretion, then he advises a douche of hot water, carbolized, once or twice a day prior to expected confinement. 3. If the secretions are profuse and irritating to the parts, then he advises a local treatment as a means of relief, in connection with the carbolized douche. 4. A 5 per cent. creolin solution he finds the best antiseptic lubricant for the hands of the accoucher at the time of confinement.

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