

Premature labor is safe for the mother, but gives 30% mortality for the child. Symphyseotomy is dangerous also for the child. So Cæsarean section is safer. The cutting operation is only to be thought of in high forceps above the brim.

All these cutting operations are matters of option—when the head is unengaged at the brim. Hence, in conclusion, one has:

1. Cæsarean section for greatly contracted *pelvis vera conjugata* 2—3 in.

2. Spontaneous delivery for true conjugate of about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. aided by the Walcher posture.

3. Premature labor, high forceps, symphyseotomy, pubiotomy, or Cæsarean section for the intermediate condition.

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#### URETHRAL STRICTURE.

Goldenberg (*Zeit. für Chir.*), under considerable pressure, injects 20 c.c. of glycerine in impermeable urethral stricture, which then permits the catheter to find its way through.

#### RODENT ULCER.

Churchward (*The Lancet*) says that calciophosphate of uranium possesses great radioactivity and may be substituted for radium bromide in the treatment of rodent ulcer. He covers the ulcer with a piece of lint, over this the mineral is placed, where it is allowed to remain for three hours each day. It is inexpensive and simple.

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

Spengler (*Mün. Med. Woch.*) claims to have cured fifteen patients of tuberculosis by artificial induced pneumothorax. By this collapse therapy it is considered that with careful selection of cases excellent results may be obtained.

#### INFANTILE DIARRHEA.

Stark (*Practitioner*) says that for diarrhea and sickness of young children salicylate of sodium is almost a specific. He gives two grains to a child of nine months, repeated every 2 to 4 hours according to the severity of the disease. It is made palatable with saccharine and chloroform water. Vomiting ceases early, stools become less offensive and less abundant, and there is no after-constipation.