

D. A. SHIRRES, M.D. We do not know the physiology of the action of the alcohol on the nerve, this has yet to be studied, but strange to say after the injection within an hour the pain is completely gone and yet there is no change in the sensation, they appreciate heat, cold and touch, just as well as on the other side and yet the pain is gone. Long before this, some ten or twelve years ago, different men used osmic acid and other things for destroying the nerve, but here we have simply the loss of the pain sense. As regards the tabetic case, whether the destruction of the optic nerve came on suddenly or not I could not say, as a very large ulcer formed on the eye within 24 hours, and therefore the ophthalmoscope could not be used. After my experiment on the cadaver I could easily see how an accident could occur by using rapidity and force in the injection. I cannot recall any of our patients being anæmic and I cannot see how that could be a cause. Why the right nerve should be so much more often affected in these cases than the left I cannot understand.

RUPTURE OF THE UTERUS.

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Dr. Little described a rupture of the uterus occurring during a prolonged labor. After admission to the hospital, the case was operated upon.