

and there was great prostration of strength.

I abstained from the use of opium in this case ;—used fomentations and full doses of calomel and colocynth followed by castor oil. These almost instantly relieved the urethritis, and improved the general health ; the paroxysms of fever became more regular, and required quinine to put a stop to them and the discharges from the uterus.

The whole train of symptoms twice or thrice returned with the fever at intervals of some weeks ; they yielded to the same treatment, though I was some times obliged to use large doses of nitre and opium to relieve the urethritis.

*Third Case.*—A married female, two months pregnant for the first time, was seized with shivering, followed by febrile symptoms ; the coldness of the feet and legs, pains in the back, and bearing down pains were very prominent. The whole train of symptoms were soon relieved by rest and free purging with calomel, colocynth and castor oil.

About five weeks subsequently, from exposure to cold, the febrile symptoms returned ; the pains in the back and bearing down were severe ; flooding came on, and almost instantly produced a perfect state of syncope and collapse, in which I found her.

The uterine action was then regular and severe ; the uterus tolerably large and very tender ; the os open, and discharges of dark coloured and offensive clots were taking place.

The history of this case—the state of irregular fever—and the appearance of the patient—were sufficient to show it to be no case of ordinary abortion.

A little warm brandy and water was given now and then. She instantly took hydrarg. submur. gr. viii. opii. gr. ss. ;—this was repeated in two hours, and followed up by a large dose of castor oil.

The calomel and opium almost instantly relieved the pains ; the discharge was lessened ; the state of syncope and collapse went off ; and she got warm. The oil produced a free discharge of most offensive *faeculent* matter.

In two days after, the febrile symptoms returned, with them the uterine action and the increased discharge of clots ; and I have reason to think the ovum was then thrown off. The syncope and collapse also returned, though in a less degree ; and were again relieved by calomel, opium, and purgatives.

On my next visit I found the uterine action subsided, and the febrile symptoms lessened but not removed. My patient was excessively restless and uneasy, with great tenderness in the region of the bladder, incessant desire to make water, which was discharged in small quantities, and was of a white milky colour ; the scalding in the course of the urethra was present, but less complained of than in the other cases. The discharge from the uterus had subsided, and I found the organ much contracted and not at all tender to the touch. Pressure along the course of the urethra could also be borne ; but the slightest touch of the meatus occasioned the most intense pain.

Warm fomentations were used ; calomel, opium, and ipecacuanha were freely given, followed by castor oil ; and at the next interval of the fever, quinine in large doses. The relief obtained was almost immediate ; and with the return of natural secretions from the bowels, and the subsidence of the fever, the general health was restored, and none of the peculiar symptoms have returned.

*Fourth Case.*—An elderly married female whose menstrual periods had for a time been regular, after having passed one without discharge, was on the next seized with symptoms of irregular fever, with this, bearing down pains and a very free discharge took place ; the action of the uterus was regular and exceedingly painful ; the discharge was in clots—dark coloured and offensive—and had continued for 36 hours before I saw her.

I found her in a state of great prostration, the pulse small and scarcely to be felt ; the extremities were then cold, but since the discharge had come on, she had suffered from irregular attacks of shivering and fever. The discharge of