

carriages at the third month which are not due to syphilis, we will almost surely find on examining her that she has a retroversion. A few months ago I was called by Dr. Grant Stewart to a case of retention of urine due to retroversion of the pregnant uterus. She was suffering terribly, and a miscarriage would soon have come on; her physician tried to get the uterus up, but found it firmly wedged below the promontory of the sacrum. Although I placed her in the genu-pectoral position, it was only after a quarter of an hour's firm pressure with my finger that I was able to dislodge it from between the utero sacral ligaments. I need hardly add that all her symptoms disappeared the moment that the uterus was replaced. Another woman who was sent to me by Dr. King, of Compton, was pregnant about three months, and the fundus filled the pelvis, the uterus being bent on itself and the cervix being flattened against the symphysis pubis. It was impossible to get the fundus up without opening the abdomen, which I did, and then performed a ventro-fixation. She had a normal confinement, and the womb has not fallen since.

We used to think that it was a sort of moral rape to make a vaginal examination of an unmarried woman, but now we know that virgins suffer from displacements quite often; and that their suffering cannot be remedied without removing the cause. While writing these pages a single woman of thirty came to my office complaining of dysentery, for which she had consulted me three years ago, at which time I did not examine her, and as I did not do her any good she left me and passed through the care of several other physicians without any benefit. This time, however, she insisted that I would examine her, as she felt sure that her womb was the cause of her trouble. And she was right, for on making a vaginal examination I found it completely turned. To-morrow morning I have to operate on another girl who consulted me for dysmenorrhœa, which compels her to remain in bed one day every month, and her period lasts seven days, and is profuse. She was so tender that it was impossible for me to examine her without an anæsthetic.