

monest causes rendering force necessary is insufficient dilatation of the os; therefore, when you dilate, be sure to dilate thoroughly.

5. *Maintain flexion* while rotating.

In conclusion, let me point out the advantage of early interference, manual rotation by the shoulder and forceps delivery. The cases I have cited illustrate the danger of letting things go on, or of trying to deliver without altering the position. By this method we avoid these dangers; labor is greatly shortened, and pain prevented. Lacerations are less likely to occur, and when they do occur, heal more readily because the tissues are not injured by long-continued pressure.

TREATMENT OF CONSUMPTIVES AT HOME— ADVANCED CASES IN PRACTICE.

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The professional pendulum is now swinging back to rational medicine in the treatment of consumption. Hence we have articles, pamphlets and even books, on the "Home Treatment."

Some of the best authorities now contend that the "Open Air at Home" treatment for a considerable proportion of cases, of the more intelligent patients, who will carry out implicitly and persistently their physician's instructions, and this in the fullest detail, will get on better, often much better, at home than in a sanatorium with a herd of sick strangers.

On sanatorium treatment, in the *British Medical Journal* a few months ago (February 27th, 1904), Doctor Edward Dean Marriot, writes: "The aggregating of the infective sick in permanent hospitals has been shown to be as useless as a preventative measure as it is injurious to the individual segregated. It is no wonder, therefore, that the experience of the system of 'curing' consumptives in smitten herds has led to a reaction. It is a curious commentary on the manner in which the popular imagination has been inflamed by the booming of German statistics that the system is now deprecated in that country. In France it is ridiculed. In this country (England), adverse commentary must be made with bated breath. The Austrian Tuberculosis Commission recently declared that persons in whom the disease had been dormant and whose prospects of prolonged life were good, died with startling rapidity after entering Sanatoria. No fact is better established than that the mortality from consumption in England was reduced fifty per cent.,