

The unconscious condition continued for about three weeks, during which time she was restless, sleepless and flighty, but could be aroused to take nourishment and medicine by the mouth.

In about six weeks she was able to be around again, apparently as well as ever.

CASE II. Mrs. W., aged about 29, multipara, stout and fat. Labor had been going on for several hours when, apparently without any warning, she had a severe epileptic seizure. These continued for about an hour. In the interim she would become conscious, then roll her eyes, grate her teeth, clench her hands and another attack would follow.

After having several, I was called in consultation. I found the os about the size of a silver dollar, but soft and patulous. An enema of potassium bromide and chloral was first administered. Soon she was chloroformed and after dilating with my hand rendered well aseptic, I was soon able to apply Simpson's forceps and delivered her. She had after delivery only one convulsion and made a good recovery.

CASE III. A multipara aged 40, pregnant 9 months, large and stout, with rather pendulous belly. After being in labor several hours was suddenly taken with convulsions. Upon arrival I found the os was well dilated but the labor pains feeble. The patient was conscious between the attacks, but the seizures were becoming more frequent. I gave her chloral as a sedative and as soon as assistance could be secured, had her chloroformed and delivered by forceps.

This was a very good case for blood letting but as she flowed quite freely, and the convulsions ceased as soon as the delivery was accomplished, I felt willing to let well enough alone. She made a good recovery with a living child.

CASE IV. Primipara, aged 20, healthy and full-blooded. When labor had continued for some time, was threatened with convulsions. At first, it was more a nervous irritability, could stand no loud noise or bright light, had an anxious look with a feeling of approaching danger. The attacks, at first, were every three or four hours, but not of an alarming nature. She would resume consciousness but was averse to answering questions.

I gave her chloral by the mouth and waited. The pains were slight and the os about the size of a quarter dollar. Urine albuminous.

After receiving chloral she went about 5 hours without a single attack, but soon they returned and I resolved to empty the uterus.