

# 1764 -SMELLIE-Midwifery

## C A S E II.

The first child delivered with the labour pains; the second being larger, delivered with the forceps. 1749.

When called to this case, I was informed by the midwife, that she had delivered the woman safely of the first child, which came in the natural way, about six hours ago. She

said there was a second child, which lay at first so high, that she could not distinguish whether it came right or wrong, till the woman had fresh pains, which increased, and grew stronger in about three or four hours after the first child was delivered. These forced down, and broke the membranes; although the pains had been frequent and strong, and the head pretty low down, it was still somehow retarded.

I examined, and found that the right ear presented; that the face was towards the left side of the *Pelvis*; and that the right *Bregma* rested on the *Pubis*. During the next pain, I introduced my hand into the *Vagina*, and pushed up the head at the left side. As the pain continued, and increased, I withdrew my hand, and the *Vertex* was immediately pushed down to the lower part of the right *Ischium*. Being then called to another patient, I left the woman to the care of the midwife, expecting she would soon be delivered with the labour pains. In about two hours I was again called, and found the head much in the same situation as when I left her, *viz.* the forehead to the upper part of the left *Ischium*, the *Occiput* to the under part of the right, and the left ear at the *Pubis*. The midwife told me, that she had several strong pains after I went away, but that now they were

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grown weaker. She also said, that there was a pretty large shew at times, and seemed apprehensive of a flooding coming on. I then caused her to be placed in a side position, and delivered the child with the forceps, as described in Collect. XXVIII. Vol. II.

I found at first the delivery was retarded by the wrong position of the head; when that was remedied, another difficulty proceeded from the *Uterus* being contracted before the shoulders, and the *Funis* surrounding the neck three times; which last I disentangled, by slipping it over the head, after it was delivered. This second child, contrary to most cases of twins that I have attended, was much larger than the first.

The *Placentas* formed one cake. A case of the same kind succeeded in the same manner with Mr. *Palmer* of *Bath*, when he attended my lectures.

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