

**GESTATION AT ADVANCED AGE.**

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**MESSRS. EDITORS,**—I forward you two cases of accouchement, which are somewhat interesting on account of the ages of the patients. If you think them of interest enough to insert in your Journal, please do so.

**CASE I.**—Mrs. B., married about twenty years. Has had three husbands. Is 44 years old. Was confined with her first child, Dec. 6th. I was called at 10 o'clock, A.M.; child born at 4 o'clock, P.M., of the same day. Had been in labor forty-eight

hours before I saw her. Head presentation. Child very large, weighing thirteen pounds. Mother and child doing well.

CASE II.—Mrs. H., married two years. Is 48 years of age next April. Was confined with her first child, Jan. 29th, 1857. First saw patient at 3 o'clock, A.M., 29th. Labor began at 6, P.M., 28th. Knee presentation, with prolapse of cord. Waters broke early. Was delivered at 6 o'clock, P.M. Child stillborn from compression of cord. Contraction of os uteri very strong. Was obliged to give a nauseating dose of tartar emetic in order to deliver the head.

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