

been induced at three months. No inconvenience whatever is felt in the absence of pregnancy, and she goes about her work as usual; but when enceinte she has a sense of weight in the sacral region, and a bearing down when she walks. Has no difficulty in defecation and no dysuria. The catamenia have always been regular.

On admission a tumour was felt in the right iliac region, extending into the pubic region, nearly up to the umbilicus, and a little to the left of the linea alba, presenting to the taxis the character of a fibroid tumour, soft and elastic, without fluctuation. No pyrexia. Os uteri livid as in pregnancy, lips full. The uterus was in correct position, except that it was a little lower in the pelvis than normal. Some pain was elicited on pressing upwards against the cervix. She complained of a sense of weight in the sacral region, but no visible effect of the fall eight years ago was noticed externally, nor in the pelvic cavity. There was a bearing down when the patient walked. The tumour, felt abdominally, could not be detected per vaginam. No dysuria nor pain in defecation; bowels very costive. The patient was pregnant three months. The history of her five confinements at seven months, which terminated with difficulty in still-births, had indicated the necessity of inducing labour at three months in the last two pregnancies, and called for the same measure on the present occasion; the os uteri was accordingly dilated with sponge tents on February 19th.

Feb. 20th.—Slight bearing-down pains came on yesterday evening, and have increased in severity to-day. Pulse 100; temperature 98.8°. Bowels constipated. Simple enema.

21st.—Last evening about 10 o'clock the membranes ruptured, and a considerable quantity of liquor amnii escaped. Pains are becoming stronger and more frequent. Os uteri still only large enough to admit a medium-sized sponge tent.

22nd.—10 A.M.: Slept well until 6 o'clock this morning, when pains came on with increased severity, accompanied by constant retching. Pulse 120; temperature 105.2°. Tongue dry; face slightly flushed; os uteri dilated to about the size of a sixpence. Bowels constipated. Ice to suck.—12 o'clock, noon: Child born, accompanied by much hæmorrhage; skin of fœtus desquamating. Twenty-five drops of liquid extract of ergot were given immediately, and repeated in half an hour; but the placenta, not being thrown off, was subsequently removed by means of ovum forceps guided by index finger. The placenta was adherent. Immediately afterwards, on injecting out cavity of uterus with warm Condry's lotion, a second portion of placenta was washed out into vagina, and thence removed. For a short time previously patient had been delirious. Pulse 124; temperature 103.4°; retching continuing. Half an ounce of brandy, half an egg, and two ounces of jelly and beef-tea were injected into rectum every four hours. Linseed poultice to abdomen. Draught of effervescing citrate of potash every four hours.—6 P.M.: Pulse 116; temperature 99°. Not much hæmorrhage; some after-pains; no delirium; retching subsiding.

23rd.—12.30 A.M.: Patient retches occasionally; keeps down her beef-tea and medicine. Slight pains. Pulse 112; temperature 99°.—10 A.M.: Slept at intervals during night; not much discharge. No sickness. Has taken milk, also beef-tea and eggs; feels very weak and exhausted. Pulse 100, small and compressible; temperature 98.4°. Not much pain; tongue clean; some abdominal tenderness.

24th.—Pulse 84; temperature 98.2°. Had a good night; slight pains at intervals; very little discharge.

29th.—Improving since last date; is much stronger. Draught of quinine and iron thrice daily.

March 7th.—Discharged convalescent.

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FIBROID TUMOUR OF THE UTERUS, CAUSING DIFFICULT LABOUR, AND STILL-BIRTHS AT SEVEN MONTHS, IN FIVE SUCCESSIVE GESTATIONS; INDUCTION OF LABOUR AT THREE MONTHS IN THREE SUBSEQUENT PREGNANCIES.

(Under the care of Dr. HALL DAVIS.)

For the notes of the following case we are indebted to Mr. Mason, obstetric assistant.

Emma D—, aged thirty-nine, married, admitted into Prudhoe ward February 18th, 1876, and gave the following history:—She had a fall eight years ago, and injured the lower part of her back, and has been ailing ever since. She has four children living, one of them born four years ago, at seven months. Since the accident she has had five children at seven months, with difficulty, labour coming on spontaneously; none of these survived. Two labours have since