

case, the strumous cachexia, may disappear, and the disease with it, or, if it continue, an affection similar to that for which the operation was performed will be developed elsewhere.—*La Clinique des Hôpitaux des Enfants.*

DOUBLE UTERUS.

M. Dumas has collected the details of several cases of double uterus, from which he draws the following conclusions:—First, the menstrual secretion may take place from one part of the bifid uterus, it being unimpregnated, while the other side is occupied by an embryo. The woman may be pregnant in the right uterus, and virgin in the left, or vice versa; and again, she may be in labour on one side and pregnant on the other. Superfetation may take place not only when each side of the double uterus has a neck and os tincæ, but when both sides of the bifid organ terminate in one neck and orifice; and notwithstanding the absence of anatomical proof, still this ought to be admitted as a fact in forensic medicine. Although it is impossible to say that each side of a double uterus cannot enlarge sufficiently to carry a fœtus to the full term, yet it is reasonable to expect abortion to be frequent. The existence of a double uterus will render labour more laborious, as also the delivery of the placenta, and increase the danger of laceration. The two sides of the bifid organ do not exert reciprocal influence.—*Journal de la Société de Médecine Pratique de Montpellier.*

POISONING BY OPIUM.

An inquisition was held by Mr. Wood, on April 16, at Debenham, on Susanna Amass Bendall, aged three years (daughter of Dennis Bendall, of that place, wheelwright), who died on the preceding day. It appeared in evidence that, in consequence of this little girl being troubled with worms, her mother sent on Thursday afternoon to John Cunnell, who sells drugs, for two worm powders. Mrs. Bendall gave her daughter one early the following morning, who was shortly after seized with excessive drowsiness, and, from other strange symptoms, Mr. Locke, surgeon, was sent for, and he immediately pronounced that she had taken some narcotic poison; he administered an emetic and used the stomach pump, but she died about one o'clock, six hours after taking the powder. Inquiries were immediately set on foot, and it was discovered that Cunnell, instead of sending seven grains of rhubarb mixed with two of calomel, as he intended, had sent nine grains of pure opium. Verdict, "Accidental death from taking of opium by mistake." The inquiry occupied several hours, and the coroner, at the request of the jury, and a magistrate, who was present, gave Cunnell a severe reprimand for his gross negligence and inattention, and advised him to discontinue selling such dangerous drugs. It is much to be lamented that persons should be suffered to sell medicine without previously passing some examination as to their qualifications.—*Ipswich Journal.*

OBITUARIES.

With extreme regret we have to announce the death of Sir Charles Bell, which took place suddenly last week, near Worcester.

On April 9, at Hyeres, near Toulon, Dr. Andrew Blake, of Dublin.

At George Town, Demerara, Ewen Maclauren Smith, M.D.

Sir W. Beatty, M.D.

Matthew Chalmers, M.D., senior physician to the Hull Infirmary.

Sir John Meade, late inspector-general of hospitals.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

War-office, April 29.

20th Foot—Henry Howard, gent., to be assistant-surgeon, vice Menzies, appointed to the 94th.

NAVAL.

Surgeons—James Little, to the Cleopatra; Dr. James Brown, to the Talbot.

Assistant-surgeon Hugh O'Hagan, to the Skylark.

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