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INDUCTION OF PREMATURE LABOUR.

PERPLEXED asks for advice in the following case. A lady, whose last confinement was attended by very great peril, has applied to him under these circumstances. She is pregnant some five or six weeks, and at a consultation of four medical men in the last confinement, it was advised that the future fetus should not be allowed to come to maturity. Would it be safer to cause expulsion of the early fetus, or allow the case to go on to the seventh month, or when? It is preferable to have recourse to the former for various reasons.

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THE TREATMENT OF SNAKE-BITE.

DR. C. R. ILLINGWORTH writes with reference to a paragraph published on March 10th, p. 549: The symptoms of poisoning by the snake-bite were salivation, bronchorrhoea, and cyanosis. These symptoms, in my opinion, contraindicate the administration of ammonia. I should think that full and frequently repeated doses of the perchloride of iron would answer well, because of the very evident diminution of the fibrin-forming power of the blood in such cases. In any case it might be tested by experiment upon the lower animals.

FURROWS ON FINGER-NAILS.

DR. J. B. DICKINSON (Stalybridge) writes: Respecting the above subject, mentioned in the JOURNAL of March 24th, I beg to state that thirteen years ago, after suffering from rheumatic fever, I found all my finger-nails furrowed transversely, at the lunula; the furrows gradually grew to the end of the nails, and disappeared after about six months' duration. About a year and a half after, I had a horse which suffered from rheumatic fever; he had also his hoofs distinctly furrowed, the furrows growing further and further down, until ultimately they were cut away by the blacksmith, and thus disappeared. Since that time I have seen several cases of furrowed finger-nails following rheumatic fever. Other diseases may produce the same phenomena, but my observations have been confined to rheumatic fever cases.

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