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A Source of Difficulty and Danger in Turning.

Dr. T. Arthur Helme (St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester) writes. Dr. Herman has been good enough to send me a copy of a paper published by him five years ago in the Transactions of the Obstetrical Society of London, vol. xxviii, in which he describes three cases very similar to that described by me in the British Medical Journal of June 6th. I hasten to assure Dr. Herman that had I known of his paper I should not be presented to every not have passed it over

The difficulties met with by Dr. Herman were resolved by the line of action successful in my case, and consequently one would consider that the conditions were similar, if not identical; but, if so, surely Dr. Herman's explanation is wrong in two important particulars or else

the cases differ

1. The obstructing ring or ridge is not the upper margin of the cervix (os internum), but is most undoubtedly the lower margin of the upper active segment of the uterine body—that is, Bandl's ring, or, as my friend and former teacher, Dr. Barbour, has called it, "the retraction

ring."

2. The position of the child cannot have been that figured and described in the text by Dr. Herman. In that case the right shoulder is below the ridge but the left is above the ridge. What will prevent version if the uterus be relaxed by chloroform and traction be made upon the opposite foot—that is, the right one?

DIPHTHERIA OR ABSCESS OF TONSIL.

DR. JOHN HADDON (Canonbie, N. B.) writes: Mr. Nicholls's case, related in the British Medical Journal of May 30th, is a very instructive one. In spite of his opinion, which no doubt should not be lightly set aside, seeing he attended the case throughout, many will be inclined to agree with the consultant in believing it to have been a case of diphtheria with consequent cardiac paralysis. In my Notes from Private Practice on Sore Throat, page 19, I relate a case where both tonsils suppurated during or following an attack of diphtheria, and such an occurrence is by no means uncommon. As to the cardiac condition, in the same Notes, page 31, writing of diphtheria, I find the following: "The first and most common sequela is an irregularity or intermittence of the cardiac action. This may accompany the acute stage of the disease or may come on as late as the twelfth day. It varies greatly in severity, and, in some cases, no other sequelæ may be observed." By the occurrence of this sequela we may be certain that a case about which there was some doubt had really been diphtheria. In this connection it is interesting to note a case, reported in the same issue, under "Hospital Reports," by Dr. Clifford Beale, where "liquor strychniae" seemed to avert a latal issue. In my Notes, page 11, is related a case where death seemed imminent from cardiac failure, in which digitalis and nux vomica were prescribed and followed by speedy improvement. I gave the digitalis most credit, but the nux vomica may have deserved the praise, if any was due to the prescription.

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