

General Hospital nearly five years ago, when I was elected for my second ten years of office, and it was decided that I should be allowed to operate on my own cases. I believe that this rule now obtains in most of the large provincial hospitals, and I consider it a very wise one, as we never know, in being called to a difficult case of labour, what we may have to do, and it certainly is not wise for a man to have to do a Cesarean section or a Porro who has not had some little experience in abdominal surgery.

TRIPLETS.

MR. W. H. SUTCLIFFE (Jersey) writes: Mrs. G., aged 26, multipara; two previous confinements, difficult and instrumental. Seen at 10 A.M., September 30th, 1889. In labour all night; presentation, breech; delivered 11.45; another bag presented; vertex; delivered at 12.15; yet another bag; vertex; delivered 12.30; all living. The first and second were females, the third male; each child perfectly developed and healthy, though small. There was a separate bag for each child, and for the first a separate placenta; for the others one common to each. At this date, October 27th, the three infants are well, and have been the recipients of the Queen's bounty.

THE DANGER OF CHLOROFORM AND THE SAFETY OF ETHER AS AN ANESTHETIC.

A MEDICAL STUDENT writes: Mr. Lambert Hegenstal Ormsby, in his letter in the JOURNAL of October 26th, writes that chloroform "has been proved beyond doubt to be eight times more dangerous than ether." Where is the proof to be found? He also writes: "If deaths have occurred from ether, it is because the patient was suddenly asphyxiated by an ignorant or inattentive administrator, who probably did not know what he was doing." May not the same cause be given for "death from chloroform?"

LABIAL HERPES IN PNEUMONIA.

DR. J. G. M. G. STACK (Spalding) writes: Since sending you the case of "Pneumonia complicating Pregnancy," published in the JOURNAL of October 12th, I find that the prognostic significance of labial herpes occurring in pneumonia, and reasons given for believing it, can be found in Dr. Pye-Smith's edition of Fagge's *Medicine*, vol. II, p. 138.

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