

ONE OF NATURE'S MIRACLES.

The following report of a case of extra uterine pregnancy has been received from the American Marathi Mission Hospital, Wai, Satara District, India, and would appear to be one of nature's miracles.

Name.—Kumalabai Baburao Khude.

Age.—25 years.

Caste.—Marathi. Residence.—Karad, Satara Dt., India.

19-11-36.—Patient came to our dispensary in the town and gave a history of severe diarrhoea, but of "something pressing in the rectum, making motions difficult." Given an admission slip to the hospital.

PREVIOUS HISTORY.

17-11-35. Admitted to hospital (Wai). Diagnosis. 'Mass' in lower abdomen for 1½ months. Amenorrhoea since growth of mass. Mass slightly tender. Leucorrhoea—Laboratory Report. No G.C. seen. Syphilis. Laboratory Report. Kahn test +<sup>3</sup>.

Treatment. H.P. douches b.d. R. H.P. ʒi. K.I. ʒi. Aqua ad 6 doses. Sig. 1 dose t.i.d. R. Ung. Hydrarg. grs. x to be rubbed in daily.

9-6-35.—Discharged. Condition improved.

19-11-36.—Re-admitted to hospital. General appearance good. T. 98.4. P. 80. R. 20.

PRESENT HISTORY.

Patient has one child five years old.

May, 1935. Patient came to hospital complaining of small tumour in lower abdomen.

Tumour grew as pregnancy up to eighth month.

December, 1935. Sudden hæmorrhage with pain, lasting 1½ months.

Tumour gradually disappeared. After which patient felt "quite all right" until three months ago.

August, 1936. Onset of severe diarrhoea.

20-30 blood-stained stools a day. Patient compelled to stay in bed.

This morning (19-11-36) patient passed a bone in her fæces, which she showed to a friend and was advised to come to Wai. (Bone brought and showed to us. ? A foetal rib.)

Patient travelled over 35 miles in a lorry. Passed one long bone, per rectum, en route. This she also preserved for our inspection.

19-11-36.—12 noon. On Admission. Passed more ribs in stools. Complained of 'pricking in rectum.'

19-11-36.—4 p.m. Rectal Examination. Bones felt.

Anæsthetic given. Cranial bones. Several long bones. Vertebrae. Ribs. Pelvic bones, etc., removed. More bones felt but further examination abandoned on the appearance of fresh blood from rectum.

Diarrhoea almost constant. Very foul smelling. Rectal douche given.

On regaining consciousness patient felt greatly relieved. T. 100.

19-11-36 p.m.—20-11-36 a.m. Patient passed 10 motions. No bones found. Passed five round worms. Patient comfortable. T.P.R. normal.

20-11-36.—9 a.m. R. Santonin grs. iii. Calomel grs. ii. Sod. Bicarb grs. v. Passed four round worms.

20-11-36.—4 p.m. R. Mag. Sulph. ʒ iv. Passed one round worm.

20-11-36 a.m.—p.m. Passed five motions. No bones found. T.P.R. normal.

20-11-36 p.m.—21-11-36 a.m. Passed 11 motions. No bones found. T.P.R. normal.

21-11-36 a.m.—22-11-36 a.m. Passed three motions. No bones found. T.P.R. normal.

22-11-36 a.m.—23-11-36 a.m. Passed two motions. No bones found. T.P.R. normal.

23-11-36 a.m.—R. H.P. ʒ ss. K.I. grs. xx. Aqua ad 6 doses. Sig. 1 dose t.i.d. R. Ung. Hydrarg. grs. x. To be rubbed in daily.

23-11-36 a.m.—24-11-36 a.m. Passed two motions. No bones found. Passed one round worm.

24-11-36 a.m.—25-11-36. Passed three motions. No bones found.

24-11-36. 7 p.m. Examination under fluroscope. No bones seen.

25-11-36.—R. Neosalvarsan 45 gm. i.m. 3 p.m.—Rectal examination, under chloroform. Four or five more small bones removed. No more felt. 8 p.m.—T. 99.4. 25-11-36 a.m.—

26-11-36 a.m. Passed three motions. No bones found. T.P.R. normal.

26-11-36 a.m.—27-11-36 a.m. Passed two motions. No bones found. T.P.R. normal. Patient feeling well. Eager to go home.

27-11-36.—Discharged. Revised Diagnosis. Syphilis and retained extra uterine pregnancy.

This certainly is the picture of a case one would never expect to see again in a lifetime.

The case was not definitely diagnosed as "Pregnancy" the first time she came to hospital, though it was definitely suspected. And on discharge was advised to come back for another examination.

Why the lady has not long since died of hæmorrhage or peritonitis are questions we shall never be able to answer. Nor 'What of the opening from the abdominal cavity into the rectum, through which this extra uterine pregnancy escaped?'

Let it suffice, that the doctors in charge had no desire to pit surgical interference against such a wonderful manifestation of one of nature's miracles.

Many thanks to our contributor.



Patient with husband on day of discharge from the hospital.



The foetal bones passed and removed and assembled.

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