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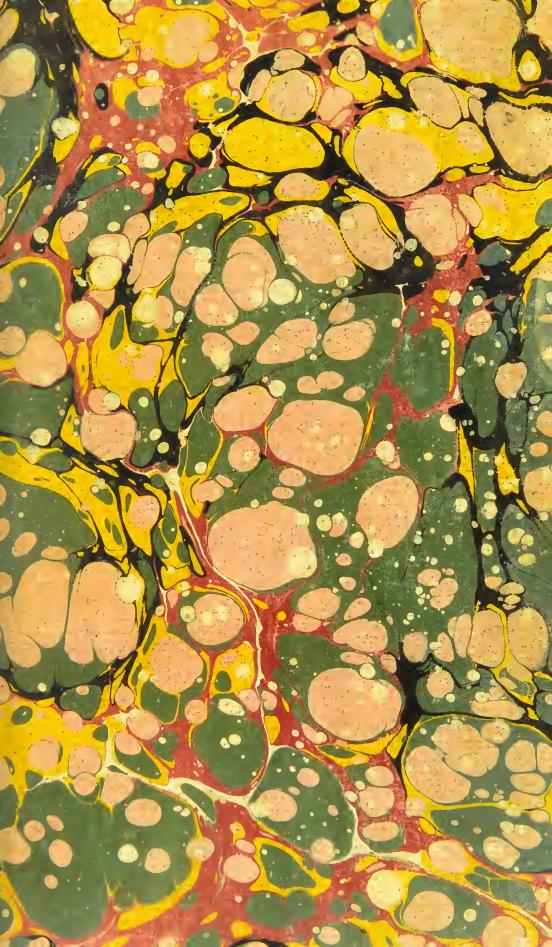
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PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY;

WITH A VIEW TO ILLUSTRATE

A TREATISE on that Subject, and Collection of Cases.

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A S, in a long course of teaching and practice in Midwifery, I hope I may without vanity fay, that I have done fomething towards reducing that Art into a more fimple and mechanical method than has hitherto been done, I have attempted to explain the fame in my Treatife of the Theory and Practice. of Midwifery and Collection of Cafes; and finding that most of the representations hitherto given of the parts subservient to uterine gestation and parturition were in many respects deficient, 1 have been induced to undertake the following Tables, with a view to fupply in fome measure the defects of others, and at the fame time to illustrate what I have taught and written on the fubject. How far I have obtained those ends, it belongs to others to judge. 1 shall only beg leave to observe here by way of Preface, that the greatest part of the figures were taken from Subjects prepared on purpole, to flow every thing that might conduce to the improvement of the young Practitioner : avoiding, however, the extreme minutiæ, and what elfe feemed foreign to the prefent defign; the fituation of parts, and their respective dimenfions, being more particularly attended to, than a minute anatomical investigation of their structure.

As these Tables may possibly fall into the hands of fome who have not seen my former work, I have added an abridgment of the Practice; which, though far from being complete, may serve to illustrate seve-

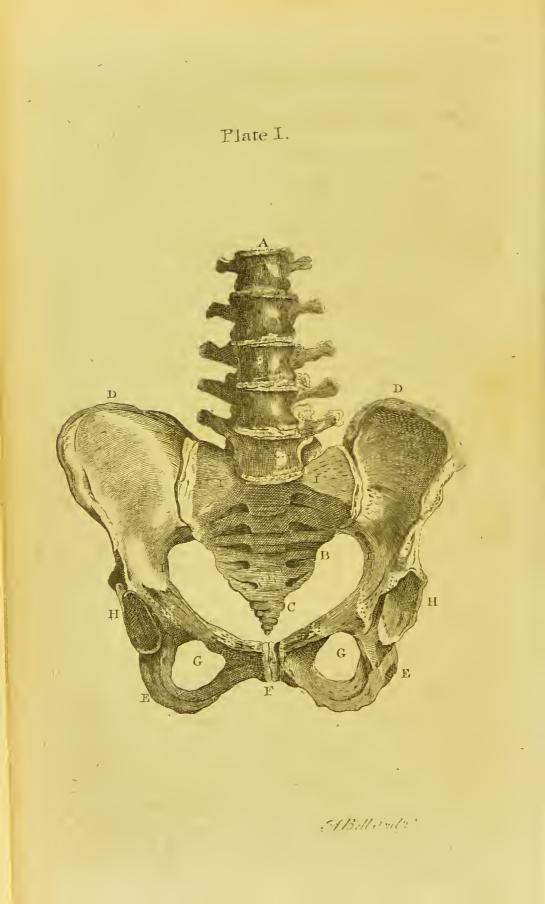
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ral things which otherwife by a bare reprefentation would be hardly intelligible.

References are made to Vol. I. H. and III. By Vol. I. I mean that which I first published in the year 1752, and contains a view of the Theory and Practice of Midwifery; Vol. II. and III. contain the collection of cafes mentioned above. My first plan for these Tables confined them to the number of twentytwo, which Mr Rym/dyke had finished above two years ago; but I foon faw that a farther illustration, and confequently an addition to that number, was neceffary. In eleven of these, Dr Camper, formerly Professor of Medicine at Franequer in Friesland, now Professor of Anatomy and Botany at Amsterdam, greatly affilted me, viz. Table XII. XVI. XVII. XVIII. XIX. XXIV.XXVI.XXVII. XXVIII.XXXIV. and XXXVI. The reft were drawn by Mr Rymfdyke; except the thirty-feventh and thirty-ninth, which were done by another hand. The whole of the drawings are faithfully engraved: in which, however, delicacy and elegance have not been fo much confulted as to have them done in a ftrong and diffinct manner; with this view chiefly, that from the cheapnels of the work it may be rendered of more general ufe.

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THE FIRST TABLE

R EPRESENTS, in a front view, the Bones of a well-formed *Pelvis*.

A The five vertebræ of the loins.
B The os facrum.
C The os coccygis.
D.D The offa iliûm.
E.E The offa ifchiûm.
F The offa pubis.
G The foramina magna.
H.H The acetabula.

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I.I.I.I.I.I The brim of the *pelvis*, or that circumference of its cavity, which is defcribed at the fides by the inferior parts of the offa iliúm, and at the back and fore parts by the fuperior parts of the offa pubis and facrum.

In this Table, befides the general structure and figure of the feveral bones, the dimenfions of the brim of the pelvis, and the distance between the under parts of the offa ischium, are particularly to be attended to; from which it will appear, that the cavity of the brim is commonly wider from fide to fide than from the back to the fore part, but that the fides below are in the contrary proportion. The reader, however, ought not from this to conclude, that every pelvis is fimilar in figure and dimensions, fince even well formed ones differ in some degree from each other. In general, the brim of the pelvis measures about five inches and a quarter from fide to fide, and four inches and a quarter from the back to the fore part; there being likewife the fame diftance between the inferior parts of the offa ifchium. All these measures,

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measures, however, must be understood as taken from the skeleton; for, in the subject, the cavity of the *pelvis* is confiderably diminished by its teguments and contents. Correspondent also to this diminution, the usual dimensions of the head of the full-grown *factus* are but three inches and a half from ear to ear, and four inches and a quarter from the fore to the hind head.

Vide Tab. XVI.XVII. XVIII. Alfo Vol. I. Chap. 1. Sect. 1. 2. 3. where the form and dimensions of the *pelvis*, as well as of the head of the *fætus*, and the manner in which the fame is protruded in labour through the basin, are fully treated of. Consult likewise Vol. II. Coll. 1. N° 1, 2. where cases are given of complaints of the *pelvis* arising from difficult labours.

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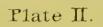
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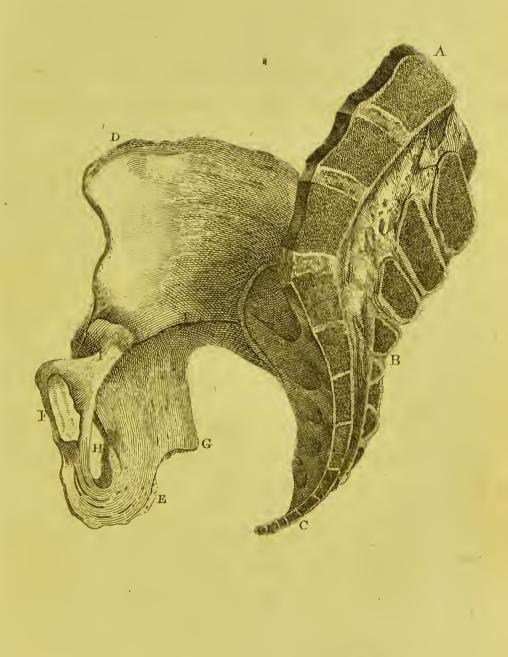
THE SECOND TABLE

Gives a lateral and internal view of the *Pel*vis, the fame being divided longitudinally.

A The three lower vertebræ of the loins.
B The os facrum.
C The os coccygis.
D The left os iliúm.
E The left os ifchiúm.
F The os pubis of the fame fide.
G The acute proceís of the os ifchiúm.
H The foramen magnum.
I.I.I The brim of the pelvis.

THIS Plate flows the diffance from the fuperior part of the os facrum to the offa pubis, as well as from the laft mentioned bones to the coccyx, which in each amounts to about four inches and a quarter. The depth likewife is flown of the pofterior, lateral, and anterior parts of the pelvis, not in the line of the body, but in that of the pelvis from its brim downward, which is generally three times deeper on the pofterior than anterior

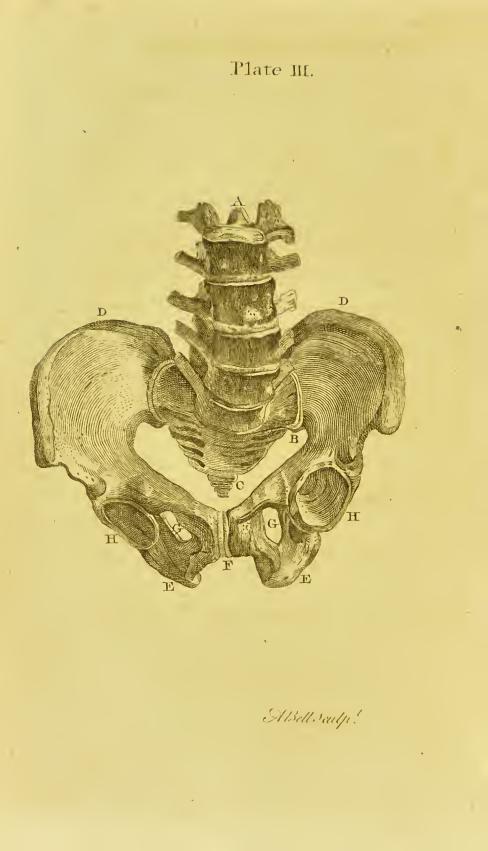




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anterior part, and twice the depth of the last at the fides.

From this view appears also the angle which is formed by the last vertebra of the loins and the superior part of the os facrum, as likewise the concavity or hollow space in the posterior internal part of the pelvis, aristring from the curvature of the last mentioned bone and coccyx; finally, the distance from which to the posterior parts of the offa is here expressed.

Vide Tab. XVI. XVII. XVIII. XIX. Alfo Vol. I. and II. as referred to in the former Table.

THE THIRD TABLE.

Exhibits a front view of a difforted Pelvis.

A The five vertebræ of the loins. B The os facrum. C The os coccygis. D.D The offa iliûm. 3

E.E The offa ifchiûm. F The offa pubis. G.G The foramina magna. H.H The acetabula.

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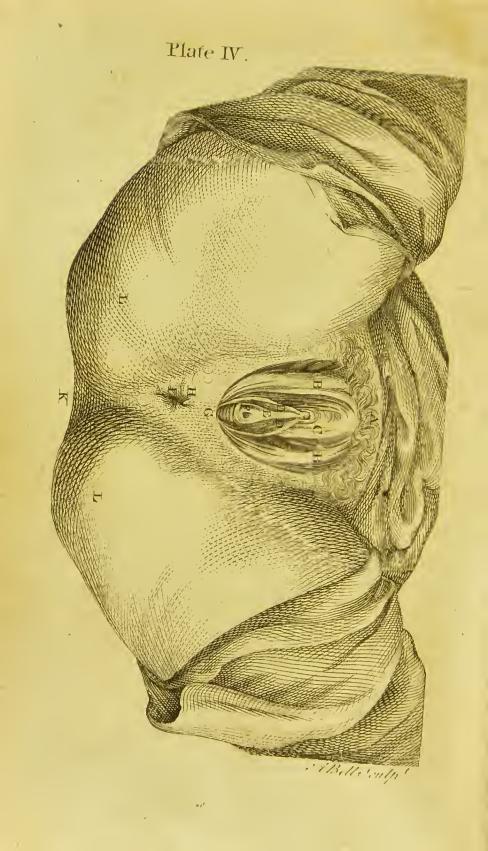
FROM this Plate may appear the great danger incident to both mother and child when the *pelvis* is difforted in this manner; it being only two inches and an half at the brim from the pofterior to the anterior part, and the fame diftance between the inferior parts of each os ifchiúm. Vide Tab. XXVII. where the *pelvis* is one quarter of an inch narrower at the brim than this, but fufficiently wide below. Various are the forms of difforted basons, 'but the last mentioned is the most common. It is a great happinefs, however, in practice, that they are feldom fo narrow, though there are inftances where they have been much more fo. The danger in all fuch cafes must increase or diminish, according to the degree of distortion of the pelvis, and fize of the child's head.

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THE FOURTH TABLE

Shews the External Female Parts of Generation.

A The lower part of the abdomen.
B B The labia pudendi feparated.
C The clitoris and præputium.
D.D The nymphæ.
E The foffa magna, or os externum.
F The meatus urinarius.
G The frænum labiorum.
H The perinæum.
I The anus.

K The part that covers the extremity of the coccyx.

L.L The parts that cover the tuberofities of the offa ifchium.

As it is of great confequence to every practitioner in midwifery, to know exactly the fituation of the parts concerned in parturition, and which have not been accurately deferibed by former anatomifts with a view to this particular branch, I have given this 8

this draught from one of the preferved fubjects which I keep by me, in order to demonftrate these parts in the ordinary course of my lectures. From a view, then, of the fituation of the parts, it appears, that the os externum is not placed in the middle of the inferior part of the pelvis, but at the anterior and inferior part of the pubes; and that the labia cover likewise the anterior part of these bones.

Secondly, It may be observed, that as the frænum labiorum, which is nearly adjoining to the inferior part of the offa pubis, is only about an inch from the anus, between which and the coccyx there is about three inches distance; it follows, that the anus is nearer to the first-mentioned bones than to the latter.

Thirdly, The view of this and the following Table will furnish proper hints with respect to the method of touching or examining the os uteri, without hurting or inflaming the parts; as it appears, that the os externum is placed forwards towards the *pubes*, and the os uteri backwards towards the recturn and coccyx. By this wife mechanism of nature nature many inconveniences are often prevented, which muft happen if these parts were opposite to each other, and situated in the middle of the inferior part of the *pelvis*; particularly a *prolapfus* of the *vagina* and *uterus*, either in the unimpregnated state, or in any of the first four months of pregnancy; as also too sudden deliveries in any of the last months.

Fourthly, From a view of the fituation of the parts, it will appear, that in labour, when the os uteri is fufficiently opened to allow a paffage for the head of the fatus, the fame is protruded to the lower part of the vagina, by which the external parts are pushed out in form of a large tumor, as in Table XV.

Lastly, It may be observed, that when it is necessary to dilate the os externum, the principal force ought 'to be applied downwards and towards the restum, to prevent the urethra and neck of the bladder from being hurt or inflamed.

Vide Vol. I. Book I. Chap. 2. Sect. 1. Vol. II. Coll. 2.

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THE FIFTH TABLE.

FIGURE I. Gives a front view of the Uterus in fitu fufpended in the vagina; the anterior parts of the offa ifchium, with the offa pubis, pudenda, perinœum, and anus, being removed, in order to fhow the internal parts.

A The last vertebra of the loins. B.B The offa iliûm. C.C The acetabula.

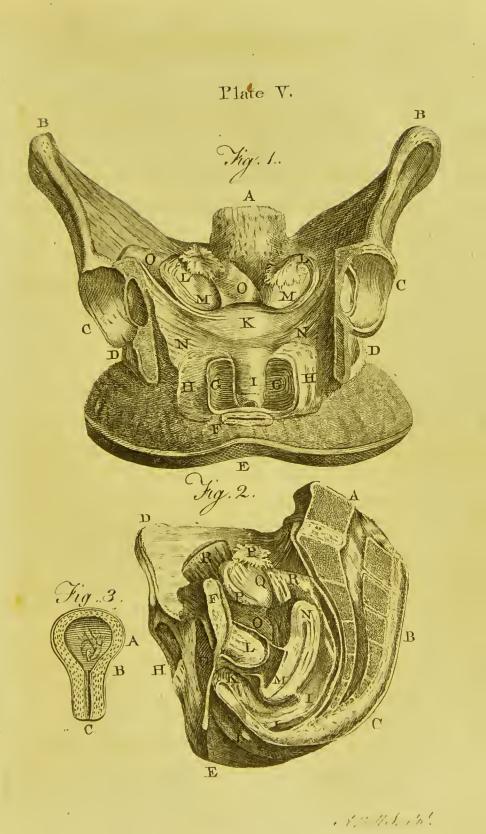
D.D The inferior and posterior parts of the offa if chium. Vide Tab. XXIX. where the offa pubis and the anterior parts of the offa if chium are represented by dotted lines.

E The part covering the extremity of the coccyx.

F The inferior part of the rectum.

G.G The vagina cut open longitudinally, and ftretched on each fide of the collum uteri, to fhow in what manner the uterus is fufpended in the fame.

H.H Part of the vesica urinaria stretched



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on each fide of the vagina and inferior part of the fundus uteri. I The collum uteri. K The fundus uteri. L.L The tubæ Fallopianæ and fimbriæ. M.M The ovaria. N.N The ligamenta lata and rotunda. O.O The fuperior part of the rectum.

FIGURE II. Gives a view of the internal parts as feen from the right groin, the pelvis being divided longitudinally.

A The lowest vertebra of the loins. B.C The os facrum and coccys, with the integuments.

D The left os iliûm.

E The inferior part of the left os ischium.

F The os pubis of the fame fide.

G The foramen magnum.

H The acetabulum.

I.I.I The inferior part of the rectum and anus.

K The os externum and vagina; the os uteri lying loofely in the fame.

L The vesica urinaria.

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M.N The collum and fundus uteri, with a view of the cavity of both. The attachment of the vagina round the outfide of the lips of the mouth of the womb is here likewife fhown, as alfo the fituation of the uterus, as it is preffed downwards and backwards by the inteflines and urinary bladder into the concave and inferior part of the os facrum.

O The ligamenta lata and rotunda of the left fide.

P.P The Fallopian tube, with the fimbria.

Q The ovarium of the fame fide.

R.R The fuperior part of the rectum, and inferior part of the colon.

FIGURE III. Gives a front view of the Uterus in the beginning of the first month of pregnancy; the anterior part being removed, that the Embryo might appear through the amnios, the chorion being diffected off.

A the fundus uteri.

B The collum uteri, with a view of the rugous canal that leads to the cavity of the fundus.

C The os uteri.

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THE SIXTH TABLE.

FIGURE I. In the fame view and fection of the parts as in the first figure of the former Table, shows the Uterus as it appears in the fecond or third month of pregnancy, its anterior part being here likewise removed.

F The anus.

G The vagina, with its plica.

H.H The posterior and inferior part of the *urinary bladder* extended on each fide, the anterior and superior part being removed.

I.I The mouth and neck of the womb, as raifed up when examining the fame by the touch, with one of the fingers in the vagina. K.K

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K.K The uterus as firetched in the fecond or third month, containing the embryo, with the placenta adhering to the fundus.

IT appears from this and the former Table, that at this time nothing can be known, with respect to pregnancy, from the touch in the vagina, as the refiftance of the uterus is fo inconfiderable that it cannot prevent its being raifed up before the finger; and even were it kept down, the length of the neck would prevent the ftretching being perceptible. The uterus likewife not being ftretched above the pelvis, little change is made as to the figure of the abdomen, further than that the intestines are raised a little higher; whence, poffibly, the old obfervation of the abdomen being a little flatter at this period than usual, from the intestines being preffed more to each fide. Women at this period miscarry oftener than at any other. It is a great happiness, however, in practice, that although they are frequently much weakened by large discharges, yet they rarely fink under the fame, but are sooner or later relieved by labour coming on, which gradually

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ly ftretches the neck and mouth of the womb, by the membranes being forced down with the waters; and if the placenta is feparated from the internal furface of the uterus, all its contents are difcharged. But if the placenta ftill adheres, the membranes break, the waters and fætus are expelled, and the flooding diminifhes, from the uterus contracting clofe to the fecundines, which alfo are ufually difcharged fooner or later.

From the ftructure, finally, of the parts, as reprefented in this and the former table, it may appear, that it is much fafer to reftrain the flooding, and fupport the patient, waiting with patience the efforts of nature, than to endeavour to ftretch the os uteri, and deliver either with the hand or inftruments, which might endanger a laceration and inflammation of the parts.

Vide C in Table XXXVII. Alfo Vol. I. Book II. Chap. 2. Sect. 2, 3, 4. Vol. II. Coll. 12. N° 2.

FIGURE

FIGURE II. Represents the Uterus in the fourth or fifth month of pregnancy, in the fame view and fection of the parts with the former figure, excepting that in this the anterior part of the collum uteri is not removed,

In the natural fituation, the mouth and lips of the womb are covered with the vagina, and these parts are contiguous to each other; but here the vagina G is a little ftretched from the neck and lips of the former, in order to fhow the parts more diftinctly. I; the neck of the womb, which appears in this figure thicker, fhorter, and fofter, than in the former. K, The inferior part of the fundus uteri; the ftretching of which can fometimes be felt through the vagina, by pushing up a finger on the anterior or lateral part of the fame.

The uterus now is fo largely ftretched as to fill all the upper part of the pelvis, and begins alfo to increase fo much as to reft on the brim, and to be fupported by the fame, the fundus at the fame time being raifed confiderably 2

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fiderably above the *pubes*. From the *abdomen* being now more firetched, the woman is more fenfible of her growing bigger; and the *uterus* alfo, from the counter-preffure of the contents and parietes of the *abdomen*, is kept down, and the *os uteri* prevented from rifing before the finger as formerly. In lean women, the firetching of the *uterus* can fometimes be perceived in the *vagina* at this period as well as above the *pubes*: but nothing certain can be difcovered from the refiftance or feel of the mouth of the *zvomb* or *lips*, which are commonly the fame in the first months of pregnancy as before it.

The fize or bulk of the *fætus* is finally here to be observed, with the *placenta* adhering to the posterior part of the *uterus*.

Vide the references to Vol. I. and II. in the former Table.

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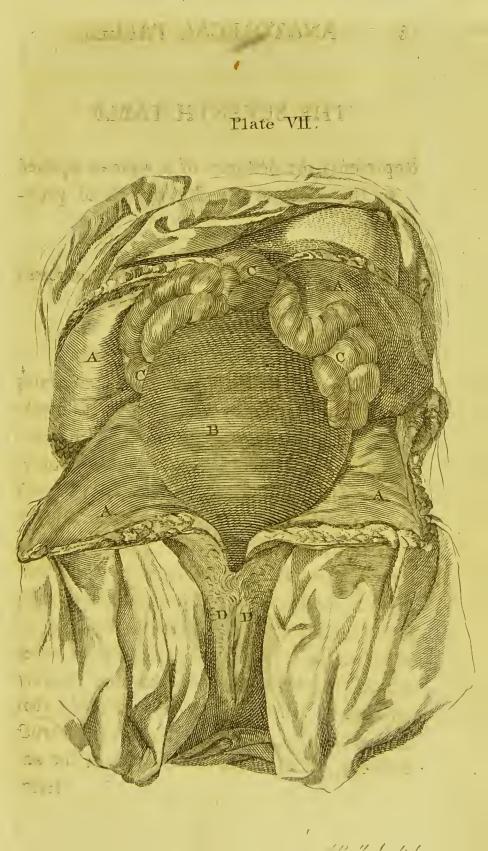
Reprefents the *Abdomen* of a woman opened in the fixth or feventh month of pregnancy.

A.A.A. The parietes of the abdoment opened, and turned back, to show

B The uterus.

C.C.C The intestines railed upwards.

D The labia pudendi, which are fometimes affected in pregnancy with *adematous* fwellings, occasioned by the preffure of the uterus upon the returning veins and lymphatics. If the labia are fo tumefied as to obstruct the patient's walking, the complaint is removed by puncturing the parts affected. By which means the ferous fluid is difcharged for the prefent, but commonly recurs; and the fame operation must be repeated feveral times perhaps before delivery; after which, however, the tumefaction entirely subfides. Here it may be observed, that this complaint can feldom or never obstruct delivery, as the labia are fituated at the anterior



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terior part of the offa pubis, and can rarely affect the firetching of the franum, perinaum, vagina, and rectum. From this figure it appears, that the firetching of the uterus can eafily be felt at this period in lean fubjects, through the parietes of the abdomen; efpecially if the inteffines do not lie before it. In general indeed, as the uterus firetches, it rifes higher; by which means the inteffines are likewife raifed higher, and are alfo preffed to each fide. Hence the nearer the woman is to her full time, the firetching is the more eafily felt.

N. B. Oedematous fwellings, fymptomatic of pregnancy, affecting the labia, have in few, if any inftances, been obferved to interrupt the progrefs of labour; therefore the difcharge of the ferous fluid by puncture is feldom requifite; and *repeated puncture* in advanced gestation might be attended with difagreeable confequences.

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In the fame view and fection of the parts as in Table VI. is reprefented the Uterus of the former Table, in order to fhow its contents, and the internal parts as they appear in the fixth or feventh month of pregnancy.

A The uterus firetched up to the umbilical region.

B.B The fuperior part of the offa ilium.

C.C The acetabula.

D.D The remaining posterior parts of the offa ischium.

E The anus.

F The vagina.

G The bladder of urine.

H The neck of the womb fhorter than in Table VI. and raifed higher by the stretching of the *uterus* above the brim of the *pel*vis.

I The veffels of the *uterus* larger than in the unimpregnated flate.

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K.K The *placenta* adhering to the inferior and posterior part of the *uterus*.

L.L. The membranes that furround the fatus, the head of which is here represented (as well as of those in Table VI.) fituated downwards at the inferior part of the uterus, and which I am apt to believe is the ufual fituation of the fætus when at reft and furrounded with a great quantity of waters, as the head is heavier than any other part. With respect to the fituation of the body of the fatus, though the fore parts are often turned towards the fides and posterior parts of the uterus, they are here, as well as in the foregoing Table, represented at the anterior part or forwards, in order to show them in a more diftinct and picturefque manner.

Vide Vol. I. Book I. Chap. 3. Sect. 3, 4. Vol. II. Coll. 13. Nº 1.

FROM this Table may appear the difficulty of ftretching the os uteri in flooding cafes, even at this period, from the length and thicknefs of the neck of the womb, efpecial, ly in a first pregnancy : much the fame method,

thod, however, is to be followed here as was directed in Table VI, till labour comes on to dilate the os uteri. If the flooding is then confiderable, the membranes should be broken, that the uterus may contract, and thereby leffen the discharge. The labour likewife, if it is neceffary, may be affifted by dilating the os uteri in time of the pains; which alfo, if wanting, may be provoked by the fame method, when the patient is in danger. If this danger is eminent, and the woman feems ready to expire, the uterus, as appears from this Table, is at this time fufficiently ftretched to receive the operator's hand to extract the fatus, if the os internum can be fafely dilated.

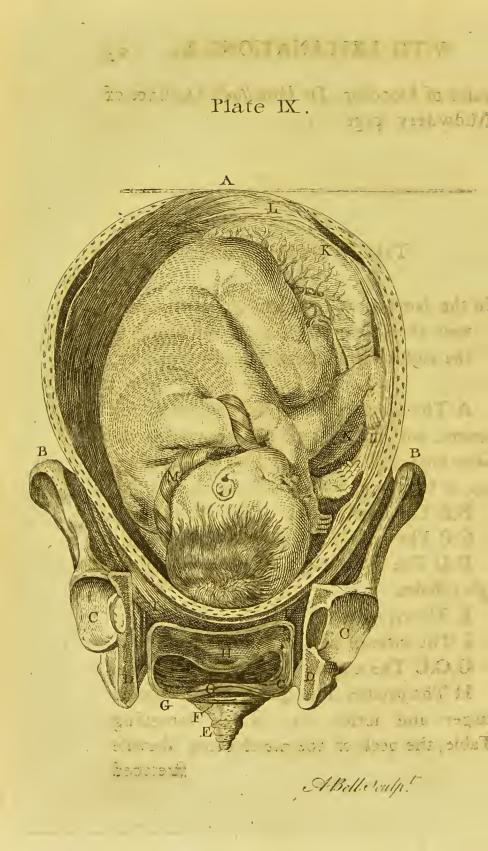
Lastly, It may be observed that women are in greater danger at this period and afterwards, than in the former months.

Vide Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 4. Sect. 3. N° 1, 2, 3. Vol. III. Coll. 33. N° 2. See alfo in the *Edinburgb* Phyfical and Literary Obfervations, Art. xvii. the diffection of a woman with child by Dr Donald Monro, phyfician at London.

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THE NINTH TABLE,

In the fame view and fection of the parts with the former, reprefents the Uterus in the eighth or ninth month of pregnancy.

A The uterus as firetched to near its full extent, with the waters, and containing the *fatus* entangled in the *funis*, the head prefenting at the upper part of the *pelvis*.

B.B The superior part of the offa ilium.

C.C The acetabula.

D.D The remaining posterior parts of the offa ischium.

E The coccyx.

F The inferior part of the rectum.

G.G.G The vagina ftretched on each fide.

H The os uteri, the lips of which appear larger and fofter than in the foregoing Table, the neck of the womb being likewife ftretched

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ftretched to its full extent, or entirely obliterated.

I.I Part of the vesica urinaria.

K.K The placenta at the fuperior and posterior part of the uterus.

L.L The membranes. M The funis umbilicalis.

THIS and the foregoing Table flow in what manner the uterus ftretches, and how its neck grows shorter, in the different periods of pregnancy; as alfo the magnitude of the fatus, in order more fully to explain Vol. I. Book I. Chap. 3. Sect. 4, 5. alfo Lib. 3. Chap. 1. Sect. 1, 2. likewife Vol. II. Coll. 13. N° I.

Notwithstanding it has been handed down as an invariable truth, from the earlieft accounts of the art to the prefent times, that when the head of the fatus prefented, the face was turned to the posterior part of the pelvis; yet from Mr Ould's observation, as well as from fome late diffections of the grawid uterus, and what I myfelf have observed in practice, I am led to believe, that the head prefents for the most part, as is here delineated,

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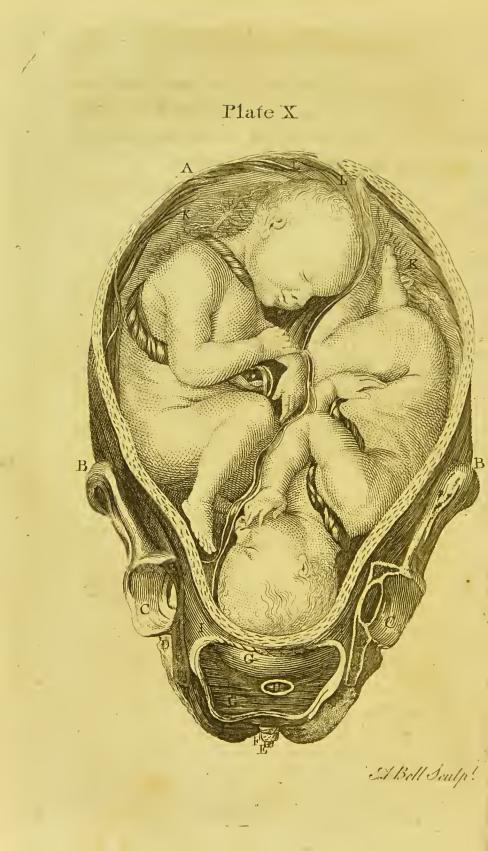
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delineated, with one ear to the *pubes*, and the other to the os *facrum*; though fometimes, this may vary, according to the form of the head, as well as that of the *pelvis*.

Confult Dr Hunter's elégant plates of the gravid uterus.

THE TENTH TABLE

Gives a front view of Twins *in utero* in the beginning of labour; the anterior parts being removed, as in the preceding Tables.

A The uterus as ftretched with the membranes and waters.

B.B The fuperior parts of the offa iliúm.
C.C The acetabula.
D.D The offa ifchiúm.
E The offa ifchiúm.
E The coccyx.
F The lower part of the rectum.
G.G The vagina.
H The os internum further open about a funger's

finger's breadth with the membranes and waters in time of labour-pains.

1.I The inferior part of the *uterus* ftretched with the waters which are below the head of the child that prefents.

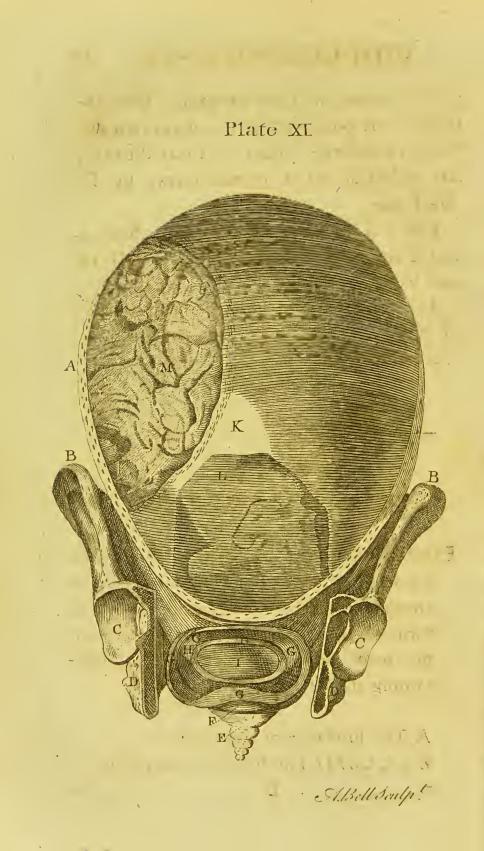
K.K The two *placentas* adhering to the posterior part of the *uterus*, the two *fætufes* lying before them; one with its head in a proper position, at the inferior part of the *uterus*; and the other fituated preternaturally with the head to the *fundus*: the bodies of each are here entangled in their proper *funis*, which frequently happens in the natural as well as preternatural positions.

L.L.L The membranes belonging to each placenta.

THIS reprefentation of Twins, according to the order obferved in my Treatife of Midwifery, ought to have been placed among the laft Tables; but as that was of no confequence, 1 have placed it here in order to fhow the os uteri grown much thinner than in the former figure, a little open, and ftretched by the waters and membranes which are puffied down before the head of one of the fatules

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fætufes in time of a labour-pain. With refpect to the polition of twins, it is often different in different cafes; but was thus in a late diffection of a gravid uterus by Dr Mackenzie.

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For the improved management in cafes of plurality of children, fee Dr Hamilton's Outlines of Midwifery, page 412.

THE ELEVENTH TABLE

Exhibits another front view of the Gravid Uterus in the beginning of labour; the anterior parts being removed, as in the former Table; but in this the Membranes, not being broken, form a large bag containing the Waters and Fætus.

A The fubftance of the *uterus*. B.B.C.C.D.D The bones of the *pelvis*. D 2 E. The • E The coccyx.

F The inferior part of the rectum.

G.G.G.G The vagina.

H.H The mouth of the womb largely ftretched in time of a pain; with I, the membranes and waters. This circumftance makes it ufually certain that labour is begun; whereas from the degree of dilatation reprefented in the former Table there is little to be afcertained, unlefs the pains are regular and ftrong, the os uteri being often found more open feveral days, and even weeks, before labour commences.

K The chorion.

L The fame diffected off at the inferior part of the *uterus*, in order to flow the head of the *factus* through the *amnios*. N. B. This hint is taken from one of Dr *Albinus*'s Tables of the gravid uterus.

M The *placenta*; the external convex furface of which, divided into a number of *lobes*, is here reprefented, its concave internal parts being covered by the *chorion*.

The placenta has been found adhering to all the different parts of the internal furface of the uterus, and fometimes even over the infide

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infide of the os uteri; this laft manner of adhefion however always occasions floodings as foon as the fame begins to dilate.

See a valuable effay on Uterine Hæmorrhage in advanced geftation, by E. Rigby, third edition, London 1784; in which the diffinction between those floodings that require immediate delivery, and those which may be expected to yield to a more fimple treatment, is properly ascertained.

Tables VI. VIII. IX. X. fhow the internal furface of the *placenta* towards the *fætus*, with the veffels composing its fubftance proceeding from the *funis*, which is inferted in different *placentas*, into all the different parts of the fame, as well as in the middle.

The Thirtieth and Thirty-third Tables fhow the infertion of the *funis* into the *abdomen* of the *fætus*.

With refpect to the expulsion of the placenta, when the membranes break, the uterus contracts as the waters are evacuated till it comes in contact with the body of the fætus: the fame being delivered, the uterus grows much thicker, and contracts closely to the placenta and membranes, by which means

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they are gradually feparated, and forced into the *vagina*. This fhows that we ought to follow the method which nature teaches, waiting with patience, and allowing it to feparate in a flow manner : which is much fafer practice, efpecially when the patient is weak; as the difcharge is neither fo great or fudden as when the *placenta* is hurried down in the too common method. But then we must not run into the other extreme, but affish when nature is not fufficient to expel the fame.

Vide Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 1. Sect. 4. Chap. 2. Sect. 2, 5. Vol. II. Coll. 14, 23. Alfo Dr Hamilton's Outlines of Midwifery, p. 211. et feq.

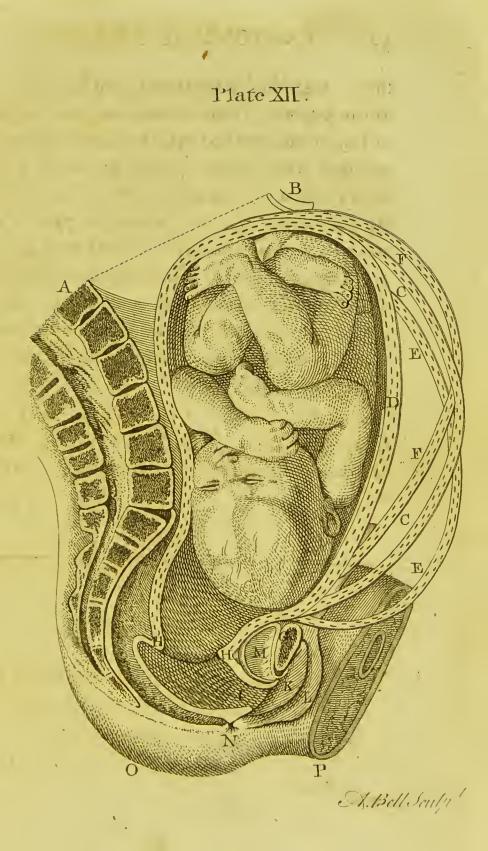
THE TWELFTH TABLE

Shows (in a lateral view and longitudinal divifion of the parts) the *Gravid Uterus*, when labour is fomewhat advanced.

A The lowest vertebra of the back.

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B The *fcrobiculus cordis*; the diftance from which to the laft mentioned *vertebra* is here fhown by dotted lines; as alfo part of the region below the *diapbragm*.

C.C The usual thickness and figure of the *uterus* when extended with the waters at the latter end of pregnancy.

D The fame contracted and grown thicker after the waters are evacuated.

E.E The figure of the *uterus* when *pen*dulous. In this cafe, if the membranes break when the patient is in an erect position, the head of the *fætus* runs a risk of fliding over and above the *offa pubis*, whence the shoulders will be pushed into the *pelvis*.

F. F The figure of the *uterus* when ftretched higher than ufual, which generally occafions vomitings and difficulty of breathing. Confult on this fubject Mr LEVRET fur le Mechanifme de differentes Groffeffes.

G The os pubis of the left fide. H.H The os internum. I The vagina. K The left nympha. L The labium pudendi of the fame fide. M The remaining portion of the bladder. N The N The anus.

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O.P The left hip and thigh.

In this period of labour the os uteri being more and more ftretched by the membranes pushing down, and beginning to extend the vagina, a great quantity of waters is forced down at the fame time, and (if the membranes break) is discharged; whence the uterus contracts itself nearer to the body of the fatus, which is here reprefented in a natural position, with the vertex refting at the fuperior part of the offa pubis, and the forehead towards the right os iliúm. As foon as the uterus is in contact with the body of the fatus, the head of the fame is forced backward towards the os facrum from the line of the abdomen B.G into that of the pelvis, viz. from the uppermoft F to near the end of the coccyx, and is gradually pushed lower as in the following Table.

If the *membranes* do not break immediately upon their being pushed into the *vagina*, they should be allowed to protrude still further in order to dilate the *os externum*.

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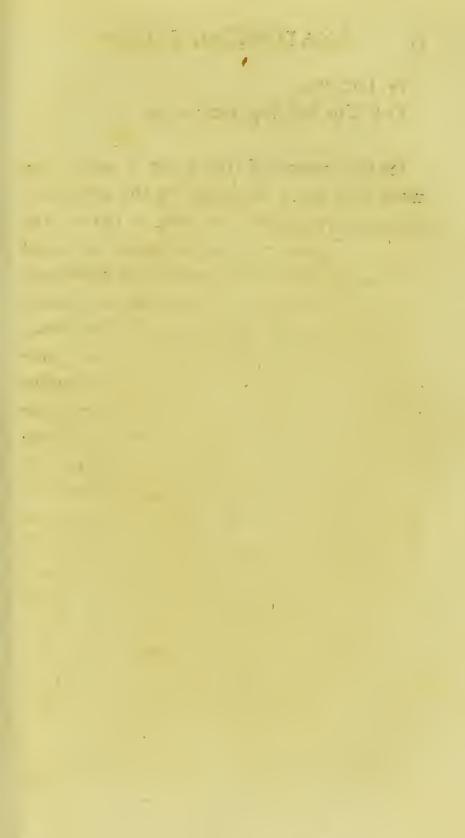


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THE THIRTEENTH TABLE,

In the fame view and fection of the parts as in Table VI. fhows the natural polition of the head of the *Fætus* when funk down into the middle of the *Pelvis* after the Os *Internum* is fully opened, a large quantity of the waters being protruded with the *Membranes* through the Os *Externum*, but prevented from being all difcharged, by the head's filling up the Vagina.

A The *uterus* a little contracted, and thicker, from fome of the waters being funk down before the child, or difcharged.

B.B The fuperior parts of the offa ilium.

C The inferior part of the rectum.

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D.D The vagina largely firetched with the head of the fatus.

E.E The os internum fully opened.

F A portion of the placenta.

G.G The membranes.

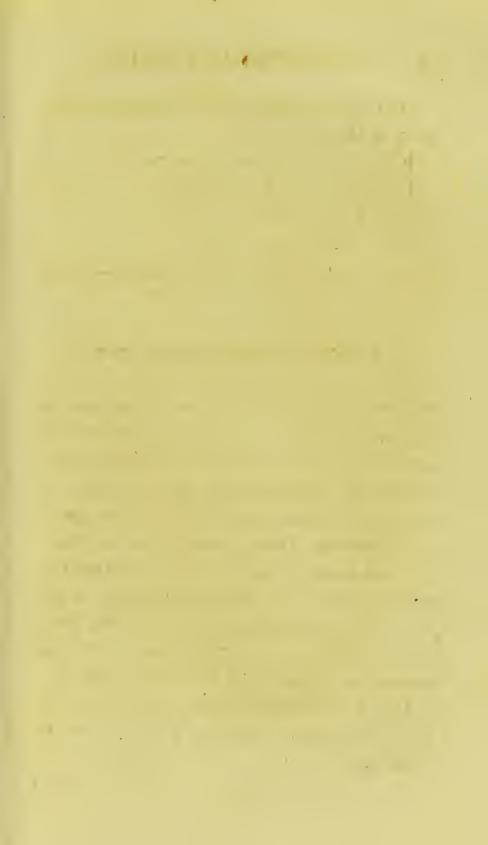
H.H The ligamenta lata.

I.I The ligamenta rotunda. Both these last fretched upwards with the uterus.

The vertex of the fatus being now down at the inferior part of the right os ifchium, and the wide part of the head at the narrow and inferior part of the pelvis, the forehead by the force of the pains is gradually moved backwards; and as it advances lower, the vertex and occiput turn out below the pubes, as in the next Table. Hence may be learnt of what confequence it is to know, that it is wider from fide to fide at the brim of the pelvis, than from the back to the fore part; and that it is wider from the fore to the hind head of the child, than from ear to ear.

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THE FOURTEENTH TABLE,

IN a fimilar view and section of the parts with Table XII. shows the forehead of the fætus turned [in its progreffion downwards, from its polition in the former Table] backwards to the os facrum, and the occiput below the pubes; by which means the narrow part of the head is to the narrow part of the pelvis, that is, between the inferior parts of the offa ischium. Hence it may be observed, that though the diftance between the inferior parts of the last-mentioned bones is much the fame as between the coccyx and pubes; yet as the cavity of the pelvis is much shallower at the anterior than lateral part, the occiput of the fatus, when come down to the inferior part of either os ifchium, turns out below the pubes; this answers the fame end as if the pelvis itself had been wider from the posterior part than from fide to fide; the head likewife enlarging the cavity by forcing back the coccyx, and pushing out the external parts in form of a large tumor, as is more fully deferibed in the following Table.

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Vide Vol. I. II. as referred to in the preceding Table.

A the *uterus* contracted closely to the *faius* after the waters are evacuated.

B.C.D The vertebræ of the loins, os facrum, and coccyx.

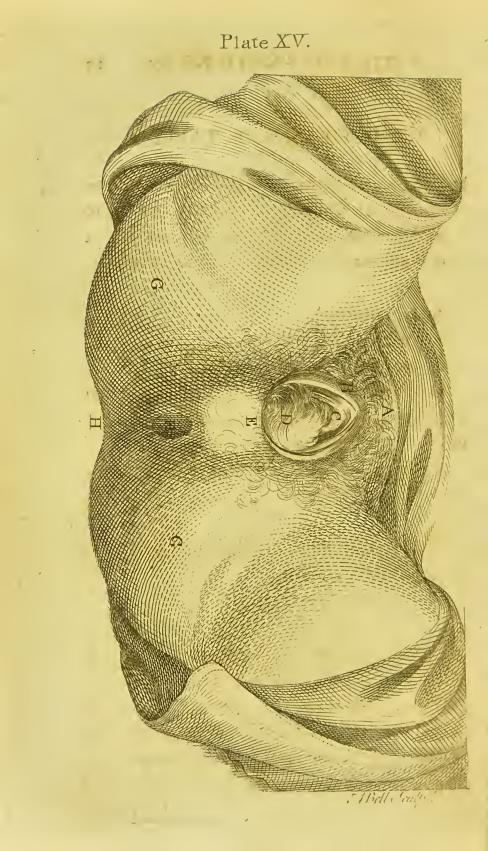
E The anus.' F The left hip. G The perinæum. H The os externum beginning to dilate. I The os pubis of the left fide. K The remaining portion of the bladder. L The pofterior part of the os uteri.

N. B. Although for the most part, at or before this period, the waters are evacuated, yet it often happens, that more or less will be retained, and not all discharged, till after the delivery of the child; occasioned from the presenting part of the *fatus* coming into close contact with the lower or under part of the *uterus*, *vagina*, or *os externum*, immediately, or son after the *membranes* break.

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THE FIFTEENTH TABLE

Is intended principally to fhow in what manner the *Perinœum* and external parts are ftretched by the head of the *Fætus* in a first pregnancy, towards the end of labour.

A The abdomen.

B The labia pudendi.

C The clitoris and its præputium.

D The hairy scalp of the *fatus* swelled at the vertex, in a laborious case, and protruded to the os externum.

E.F The perinæum and anus pushed out by the head of the fætus in form of a large tumor.

G.G The parts that cover the tuberosities of the ossia is for the tuberosities

H The part that covers the os coccygis.

THE perinæum in this figure is ftretched two inches, or nearly double its length in the natural ftate; but when the os externum is fo much dilated by the head of the fætus as to allow the delivery of the fame, the perinæum is generally ftretched to the length of three, and fometimes

fometimes four inches. The anus is likewife lengthened an inch, the parts alfo between it and the coccys being much diftended. All this ought to caution the young practitioner never to precipitate the delivery at this time; but to wait, and allow the parts to dilate in a flow manner; as, from the violence of the labour-pains, the fudden delivery of the head of the fatus might endanger the laceration of the parts. The palm of the operator's hand ought therefore to be preffed against the perinœum, that the head may be prevented from paffing till the or externum is fufficiently dilated, to allow its delivery without tearing the franum, and parts betwixt that and the anus, which are at this time very thin.

Vide Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 2. Sect. 2. Chap. 4. N° 1. and Book IV. Chap. 1. Sect. 1. Vol. II. Coll. 14, 24. Vol. III. Coll. 40. Alfo directions for the management of natural labour in Dr Hamilton's Outlines of Midwifery, page 207. and feq. and the Judicious Obfervations and Directions of Charles White, Efq; F. R. S. Manchefter, 3d edition of his Treatife on the Management of Pregnant and 1 The Trial 1



and Lying-in Women, Chap. V. page 82. to 113.

THE SIXTEENTH TABLE,

And the three following, flow in what manner the Head of the Fatus is helped along with the Forceps, as artificial hands, when it is neceffary to affift with the fame for the fafety of either Mother or Child. In this Table the hand is reprefented as forced down into the *Pelvis* by the labourpains, from its former position in Table XII.

A.A.B.C. The vertebræ of the loins, os facrum, and coccyx.

D The os pubis of the left fide.
E The remaining part of the bladder.
F.F The inteftinum rectum.
G.G.G The uterus.
H The mons veneris.
I The clitoris, with the left nympha.
X The corpus cavernofum clitoridis.

K The left labium pudendi.

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L The anus.

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Q.P. The left hip and thigh.

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R. The fkin and muscular part of the loins.

THE patient in this cafe may be, as in this Table, on her fide, with her breech a little over the fide or foot of the bed, her knees being likewife pulled up to her belly, and a pillow placed between them, care being taken at the fame time that the parts are by a proper covering defended from the external air. If the hairy fealp of the fatus is fo fwelled that the fituation of the head cannot be diffinguished by the futures as in Table XXI. or if by introducing a finger between the head of the child and the pubes, or groins, the ear or back part of the neck cannot be felt, the os externum must be gradually dilated in the time of the pains with the operator's fingers (previously lubricated with hog'slard) till the whole hand can be introduced into the vagina, and flipped up in a flattifh form between the posterior part of the pelvis and 2

and child's head. This laft is then to be raifed up as high as is possible, to allow room for the fingers to reach the ear and posterior part of the neck. When the polition of the head is known, the operator must withdraw his hand, and wait to fee if the ftretching of the parts will renew or increase the labourpains, and allow more fpace for the advancement of the head in the pelvis. If this, however, proves of no effect, the fingers are again to be introduced as before, and one of the blades of the forceps (lubricated with lard) is then to be applied along the infide of the hand or fingers, and left ear of the child, as represented in the Table. But if the pelvis is difforted, and projects forward at the fuperior part of the os facrum, and the forehead therefore cannot be moved a little backwards, in order to turn the ear from that part of the pelvis which prevents the end of the forceps to pass the fame; in that case, I fay, the blade must be introduced along the posterior part of the ear at the fide of the diforted bone. The hand that was introduced is then to be withdrawn, and the handle of the introduced blade held with it as far F back

back as the perineum will allow, whilf the fingers of the other hand are introduced to the os uteri, at the pubes or right groin, and the other blade placed exactly oppofite to the former. This done, the handles being taken hold of and joined together, the head is to be pulled lower and lower every pain, till the vertex, as in this Table, is brought down to the inferior part of the left ifchium, or below the fame. The wide part of the head being now advanced to the narrow part of the pelvis betwixt the tuberofities of the offa is to be turned from the left ischium, out below the pubes, and the forehead backwards to the concave part of the os facrum and coccyx, as in Table XVII. and afterwards the head brought along and delivered as in Table XVIII, and XIX. But if it is found that the delivery will require a confiderable degree of force from the head's being large, or the *pelvis* narrow, the handles of the forceps are to be tied together with a fillet, as reprefented in this Table, to prevent their position being changed, whilst the woman is turned on her back, as in Table XXIV. which is then more convenient for

for delivering the head than when lying on the fide.

N. B. When the head is wedged in the *pelvis*, and the bafis not yet protruded below the brim, the forceps can neither be employed with advantage nor fafety; and to attempt the mechanical turns recommended here would be difficult and hazardous.

This Table flows that the handles of the forceps ought to be held as far back as the os externum will allow, that the blades may be in an imaginary line between that and the middle fpace between the *umbilicus* and the fcrobiculus cordis. When the forceps are applied along the ears and fides of the head; they are nearer to one another, have a better hold, and mark lefs than when over the occipital and frontal bones.

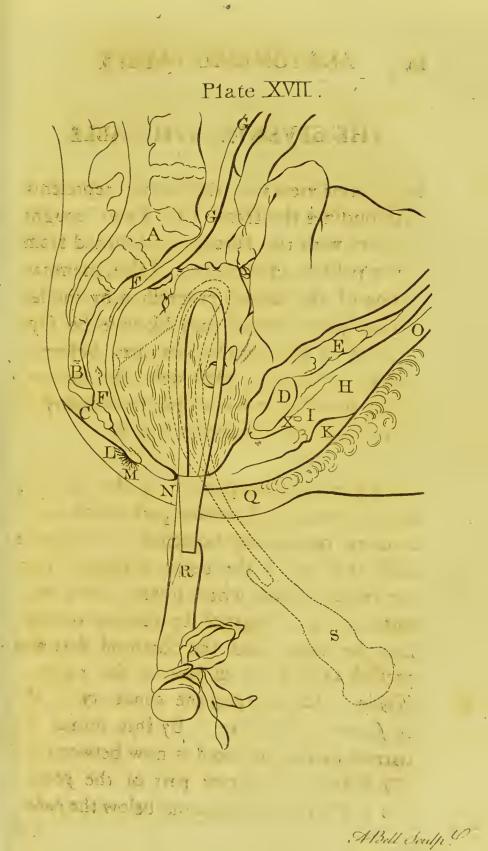
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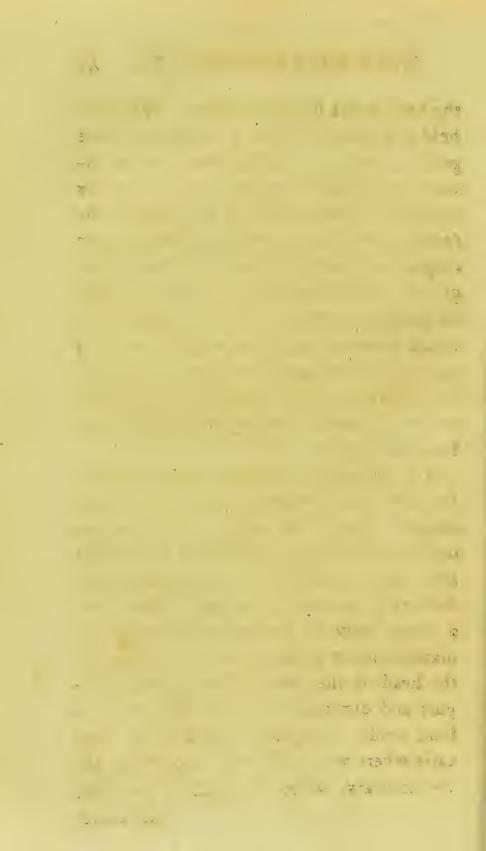
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THE SEVENTEENTH TABLE,

In the fame view with the former, reprefents in outlines the Head of the Fatus brought lower with the Forceps, and turned from the polition in the former Table, in imitation of the natural progreffion by the labour-pains, which may likewife be fuppofed to have made this turn, before it was neceffary to affift with the forceps, this neceffity at laft arifing from many of the caufes mentioned in Vol. I.

In this view the polition of the forceps, along the ears and narrow part of the head, is more particularly expressed. It appears alfo, that when the vertex is turned from the left os ifchium, where it was closely confined, it is difengaged by coming out below the pubes, and the forehead that was pressed against the middle of the right os is is turned into the concavity of the os facrum and coccyx. By this means the narrow part of the head is now between the offa-ischium or narrow part of the pelvis; and as the occiput comes out below the pubes, the





the head paffes ftill eafier along. When the head is advanced to low in the *pelvis*, if the polition cannot be diffinguished by the futures, it may for the most part be known by feeling for the back part of the neck of the *fatus*, with a finger introduced betwixt the *occiput* and *pubes*, or towards one of the *groins*. If the head is fqueezed into a longish form, as in Table XXI. and has been detained many hours in this position, the pains not being sufficient to complete the delivery, the affistance of the forceps must be taken to fave the child, though the woman may be in no danger.

The affiftance of the forceps must be taken to fave the child, though the woman be in no danger. This may require a little explanation. The exact dimensions of a child's head cannot easily be ascertained before delivery; nor can it be known how long a labour may be protracted, without any material injury to the mother. The changes the head of the fatus suffers both in its figure and diminution of bulk, by compresfion, render it capable of passing in some cases where we would little expect it. On the contrary, when the head is but little advanced,

advanced, and wedged in the *pelvis*, the forceps are applied under obvious difadvantages; fince it is well known to practitioners, that women fuffer the *natural bruifes* with more fafety than those occasioned by the best constructed modern instruments, in the hands of the most skilful practitioners. The forceps, therefore, in general, should not be used, especially in the early part of a man's practice, except only on the most *urgent* occasions. And if the head is detained at the brim of the *pelvis*, as in the former Table, the case is *unfavourable* for the forceps.

See this important precaution further enforced, page 43. line 3.

This Table alfo fhows that the handles of the forceps are ftill to be kept back to the *perinœum*, and when in this polition are in a line with the upper part of the *facrum*, and if held more backwards, when the head is a little higher, would be in a line with the *fcrobiculus cordis*. If the forceps are applied when the head is in this polition, they are more eafily introduced when the patient is in a fupine polition, as in Table XXIV. Neither is it neceffary to tie the handles, which is only done to prevent their alteration

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tion when turning the woman from her fide to her back.

As I have had feveral cafes where a longer fort of forceps that are curved upwards are of great use to help along the head, when the body is delivered first, as in Tab. XXXV. the fame are represented here by dotted lines. They may be used in laborious cases as well as the others, but are not managed with the fame ease.

Most of the parts of this Table being marked with the same letters as the former, the descriptions there given will answer in this, except the following.

L.M The anus.

M.N The perinaum.

O The common integuments of the abdomen.

R The fhort forceps.

S The long curved forceps. The first of these is eleven inches long, and the last twelve inches and a half, which I have, after feveral alterations, found sufficient; but this need not confine others who may choose to alter them from this standard.

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THE EIGHTEENTH TABLE,

In the fame view and fection of the parts, fhows the Head of the Fatus in the fame position, but brought lower down with the Forceps than in the former Table; for in this the Os Externum is more open, the Occiput comes lower down from below the Pubes, and the forehead past the Coccyx, by which both the Anus and Perinaum are stretched out in form of a large tumour, as in Table XV,

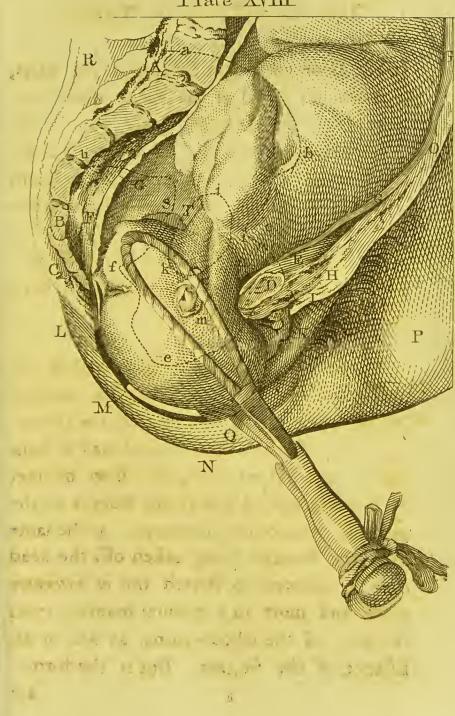
WHEN the head is fo far advanced, the operator ought to extract with great caution, left the parts fhould be torn. If the labourpains are fufficient, the forehead may be kept down, and helped along in a flow manner by preffing against it with the fingers on the external parts below the coccyx : at the fame time the forceps being taken off, the head may be allowed to ftretch the os externum more and more in a gradual manner, from the force of the labour-pains, as well as affiftance of the fingers. But if the former

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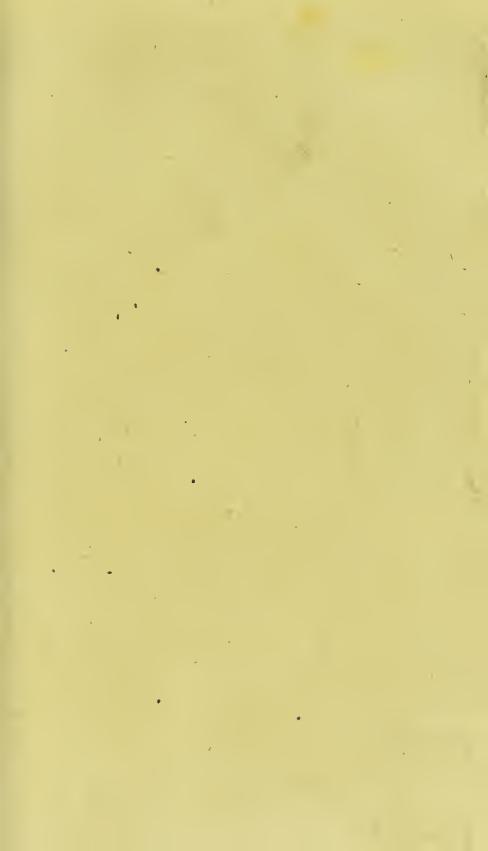


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are weak and infufficient, the affiftance of the forceps must be continued. [Vide the defcription of the parts in Table XVI.] S.T, in this, represent the left fide of the os uteri. The dotted lines demonstrate the fituation of the bones of the *pelvis* on the right fide, and may ferve as an example for all the lateral views of the fame.

a.b.c.h The out-lines of the os iliúm. D.e.f The fame of the pubis and ifchiúm. i.i.k The acetabulum. And m.n The foramen magnum.

Vide Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 5. Sect. 3. Vol. II. Coll. 25.

THE NINETEENTH TABLE,

In the fame view and fection of the pelvis, is intended by outlines to flow, that as the external parts are flretched, and the os externum is dilated, the occiput of the fatus rifes G up

up with a femicircular turn from out below the *pubes*, the under part of which bones are as an axis, or fulcrum, on which the back part of the neck turns, whilft at the fame time the forehead and face, in their turn upwards, diftend largely the parts between the coccyx and os externum. This is the method obferved by nature in ftretching thefe parts in labour; and as nature is always to be imitated, the fame method ought to be followed when it is neceffary to help along the head with the forceps.

Vide the three former Tables for the defcriptions and references.

THE TWENTIETH TABLE,

In the fame fection of the parts, but with a view of the right fide, fhows the Head of the *Fætus* in the contrary polition to the three last figures, the *Vertex* being here in the concavity of the *Sacrum*, and the Forehead turned to the *Pubes*.

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A.B The vertebræ of the loins, os facrum, and coccyx.

C The os pubis of the right fide.

D The anus.

. E The os externum not yet begun to ftretch.

F The nympha.

G The labium pudendi of the right fide. H The hip and thigh.

I.I The *uterus* contracted, the waters being all difcharged.

WHEN the head is fmall, and the *pelvis* large, the *parietal* bones and the forehead will, in this cafe, as they are forced down-wards by the labour-pains, gradually dilate the *os externum*, and ftretch the parts between that and the *coccyx* in form of a large tumor, as in Table XV. till the face comes down below the *pubes*, when the head will be fafely delivered. But if the fame be large, and the *pelvis* narrow, the difficulty will be greater, and the child in danger; as in the following Table.

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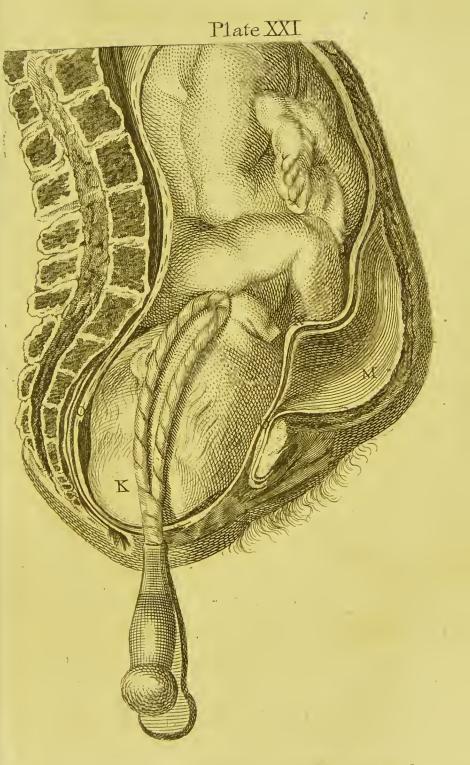
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Shows the Head of the Fatus in the fame polition as in the former Table; but, being much larger, it is by ftrong labourpains fqueezed into a longish form with a Tumor on the Vertex, from the long compression of the head in the Pelvis. If the Child cannot be delivered with the labour-pains, or turned and brought footling*, the Forceps are to be applied on the head, as defcribed in this figure, and brought along as it prefents; but if that cannot be done without running the rifk of tearing the Perinæum, and even the Vagina and Rectum of the Woman, the Forehead must be turned backwards to the Sacrum. To do this more effectually, the Operator must grasp firmly with both hands the handles of the Forceps, and at the fame time pufhing upwards raife the Head as high as poffible, in order to turn the

* Turning, when the head is fo far advanced in the pelvis, and of a more than ufual fize, is a dreadful practice, and fhould never be attempted.



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the Forehead to one fide, by which it is brought into the natural pofition; this done, the Head may be brought down and delivered as in Table XVI. &c.

Vide Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 3. Sect. 4. N°2. and Vol. II. Coll. 28. Alfo the former Table for the description of the parts, except

K The tumor on the vertex. The fame compression and elongation of the head, as well as the tumor on the vertex, may be supposed to happen in a greater or less degree in the XVI. XVII. XVIII. XIX. Tables, as well as in this, where the difficulty proceeds from the head being large, or the *pelvis* narrow. *Vide* Tables XXVII. and XXVIII.

L The forceps. Sometimes the forehead may be moved to the natural polition by the affiftance of the fingers, or only *one blade* of the forceps.

N. B. Though the use of a fingle blade of the forceps, or the fimple lever, is still retained in practice, and in a few particular cases may be employed in preference to the double lever, the application is more difficult, more slight and professional judgment

ment are neceffary in the management, and the two bladed forceps can be employed with more fafety and equal fuccefs, in general, by young practitioners. The forceps may either be the firaight kind, or fuch as are curved to one fide, when it is neceffary to use one or both blades.

M The vefica urinaria much diffended with a large quantity of urine from the longpreflure of the head against the urethra; which shows, that the urine ought to be drawn off with a catheter, in such extraordinary cases, before you apply the forceps, or in preternatural cases where the child is brought footling.

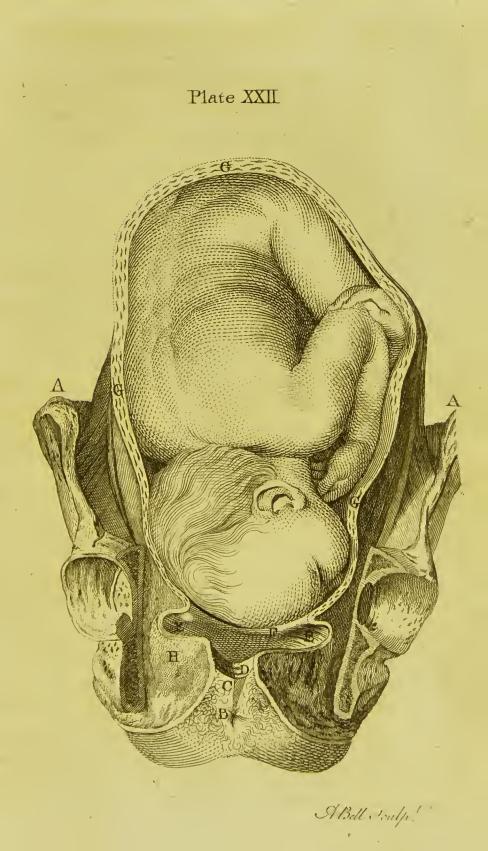
N The under part of the uterus.

0.0 The os uteri.

THE TWENTY-SECOND TABLE

Shows, in a front view of the parts, the Forehead of the *Fætus* prefenting at the brim of the *Pelvis*, the Face being turned to one

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one fide, the Fontanelle to the other, and the Feet and Breech ftretched towards the Fundus Uteri.

A.A The fuperior part of the offa ilium. B The anus.

C The perinaum.

D. The os externum; the thickness of the posterior part before it is stretched with the head of the child.

E.E.E The vagina.

F The os uteri not yet fully dilated.

G.G.G The uterus.

H The membrana adipofa.

IF the face is not forced down, the head will fometimes come along in this manner; in which cafe the vertex will be flattened, and the forehead raifed in a conical form; and when the head comes down to the lower part of the *pelvis*, the face or occiput will be turned from the fide, and come out below the *pubes*. But if the head is large, and cannot be delivered by the pains, or if the wrong pofition cannot be altered, the child muft be delivered with the forceps. If they

they should fail, recourse must be had to embryulcia.

Vide Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 2. Sect. 3. Chap. 3. Sect. 4. N° 3. Vol. II. Coll. 16. N° 4. Coll. 28.

THE TWENTY-THIRD TABLE .

Shows, in a lateral view, the Face of the Child prefenting, and forced down into the lower part of the *Pelvis*, the chin being below the *Pubes*, and the *Vertex* in the concavity of the Os Sacrum; the waters likewife being all difcharged, the Uterus appears clofely joined to the body of the Child, round the neck of which is one circumvolution of the Funis.

A.B The vertebræ of the loins, os facrum, and coccyx.

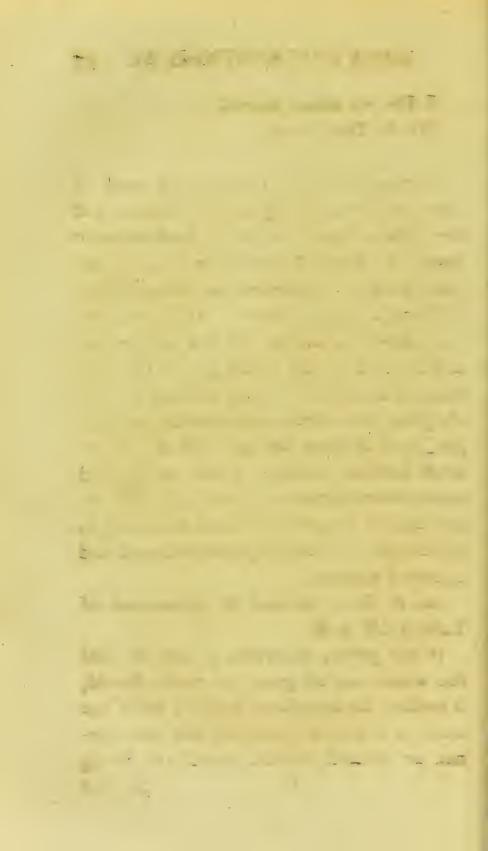
C The os pubis of the left fide.

D The inferior part of the rectum.

E The perinaum.

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F The left labium pudendi. G.G.G The uterus.

WHEN the pelvis is large, the head, if finall, will come along in this position, and the child be faved: for, as the head advances lower, the face and forehead will ftretch the parts between the frænum labiorum and coccys in form of a large tumor. As the os externum likewife is dilated, the face will be forced through it; the under part of the chin will rife upwards over the anterior part of the pubes; and the forehead, vertex, and occiput, turn up from the parts below. If the head, however, is large, it will be detained either when higher or in this polition. In this cafe, if the polition cannot be altered to the natural, the child ought to be turned, and delivered footling.

See N. B. at the end of explanation of Table XXV. p. 61.

If the *pelvis*, however, is narrow, and the waters not all gone, the *vertex* fhould, if poffible, be brought to prefent; but if the *uterus* is fo clofely contracted that this cannot be effected, on account of the ftrong *H* preffure

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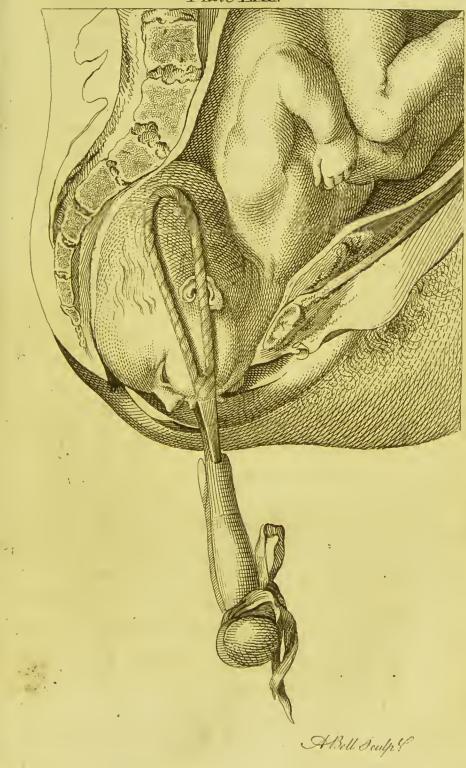
pressure of the same, and slipperiness of the child's head, in this case the method directed in the following Table is to be taken.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH TABLE

Reprefents, in the lateral view, the Head of the *Fætus* in the fame position as in the former Table; but the delivery is supposed to be retarded from the largeness of the head, or a narrow *Pelvis*.

IN this cafe, if the head cannot be raifed, and pufhed up into the *uterus*, it ought to be delivered with the forceps, in order to fave the child. This position of the chin to the *pubes* is one of the fafest cafes where the face prefents, and is most easily delivered with the forceps; the manner of introducing of which over the ears is shown in this Table. The patient must lie on her back, with her breach a little over the bed, her legs and thighs

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thighs being fupported by an affiftant fitting on each fide. After the parts have been flowly dilated with the hand of the operator, and the forceps introduced, and properly fixed along the ears of the child, the head is to be brought down by degrees, that the parts below the os externum may be gradually ftretched : the chin then' is to be raifed up over the pubes, whilft the forehead, fontanelle; and occiput, are brought out flowly from the perinæum and fundament to prevent the fame from being hurt or lacerated. But if the fatus cannot be extracted with the forceps, the delivery must be left to the labour-pains, as long as the patient is in no danger; but if the danger is apparent, the head must be delivered with the curved crotchets. Vide Table XXXIX.

When the face prefents, and the chin is to the fide of the *pelvis*, the patient must lie on her fide; and after the forceps are fixed along the cars, the chin is to be brought down to the lower part of the *os ifchium*, and then turned out below the *pubes*, and delivered in a flow manner as above.

Vide Vol. II. Coll. 16. N° 6. as alfo Tables XVI. H 2 XVII.

XVII. XVIII. and XIX. for the description of the parts,

THE TWENTY-FIFTH TABLE

Shows, in a lateral view of the right fide, the Face of the Fætus prefenting, as in Table XXIII. but in the contrary position; that is, with the chin to the Os Sacrum, and the Bregma to the Pubes, the Waters evacuated, and the Uterus contracted.

A The os externum not yet begun to ftretch. B The anus. Vide Table XX. for the further defcription of the parts.

IN fuch cafes, as well as in those of the last-mentioned Table, if the child is small, the head will be pushed lower with the labour-pains, and gradually stretch the lower part of the *vagina* and the external parts; by which means the *os externum* will be more and more dilated, till the *verten* comes out below



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below the pubes, and rifes up on the outfide; in which cafe the delivery is then the fame as in natural labours. But if the head is large, it will pass along with great difficulty; whence the brain, and veffels of the neck, will be fo much compressed and obstructed, as to deftroy the child. To prevent which, if called in time, before the head is far advanced in the *pelvis*, the child ought to be turned, and brought footling. If the head, however, is low down, and cannot be turned, the delivery is then to be performed with the forceps, either by bringing along the head as it prefents, or as in the following Table. See the references in the preceding Table.

N. B. Alarming floodings only excepted, it is bad practice to turn the child when the head prefents; and, in cafes of relative difproportion between it and the pelvis, we can never propofe to fave the child by turning.

See note Table XXI. p. 52.

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH TABLE

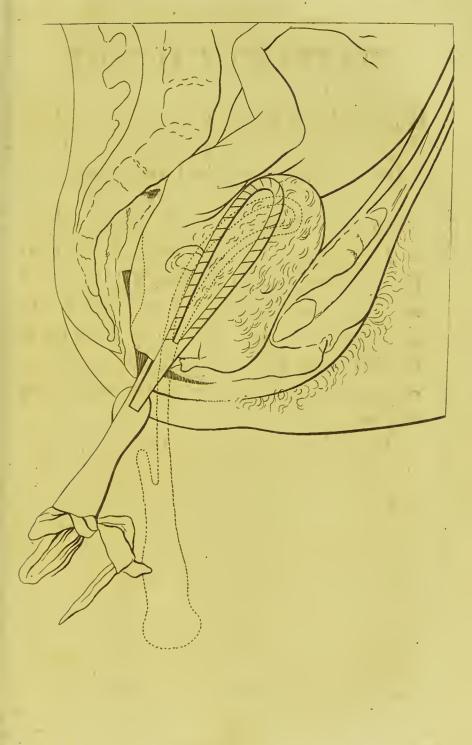
Reprefents, by outlines, in a lateral view of the left fide of the fubject, the *Fætus* in the fame fituation as in the former Table.

THE head here is fqueezed into a very oblong form; and though forced down fo as fully to dilate the os externum, yet the vertex and occuput cannot be brought fo far down, as to turn out from below the pubes (as in the foregoing Table), without tearing the perinœum and anus, as well as the vagina and rectum.

The beft method in this cafe, after either the fhort or long curved forceps have been applied along the ears (as reprefented in the Table), is to pufh the head as high up in the *pelvis* as is poffible; after which the chin is to be turned from the os facrum to either os ifchiúm, and afterwards brought down to the inferior part of the laftmentioned bone. This donc, the operator must pull the forceps with one hand, whilst

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two fingers of the other are fixed on the lower part of the chin or under-jaw, to keep the face in the middle, and prevent the chin from being detained at the os ifchiúm, as it comes along; and in this manner move the chin round with the forceps, and the above fingers, till brought under the *pubes*; which done, the head will be eafily extracted, as in Table XXIV.

If, before affiftance has been called, the head is fo fqueezed down into the *pelvis*, that it is impoffible to move the chin from the *facrum* to either *os ifchiúm*, fo as to deliver with the forceps for the fafety of the child, the operator muft wait with patience, as long as the woman is not in danger, or there is no certainty of the death of the *factus*: but if the patient runs the leaft rifk, the head muft be delivered with the crotchet.

In general, with refpect to the poflure of the woman in the application of the forceps, when the ears are to the fides of the *pelvis*, the forceps, as was obferved in Table XXIV. are most easily introduced when the patient lies upon her back, and her breech over the fide of the bed; but when the ear is to the *pubes*

pubes or groin, they are better applied when the patient lies on her fide, as was observed in the cases where the *vertex* presented.

Vide Table XXIV. for the description of the parts, and the references. Alfo Table XXXIX. for the manner of using the crotchet. See also general rules for using the forceps in Dr Hamilton's Outlines of Midwifery, p. 269. and seq. and Dr Denman's Aphorisms on laborious and preternatural presentation.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH TABLE

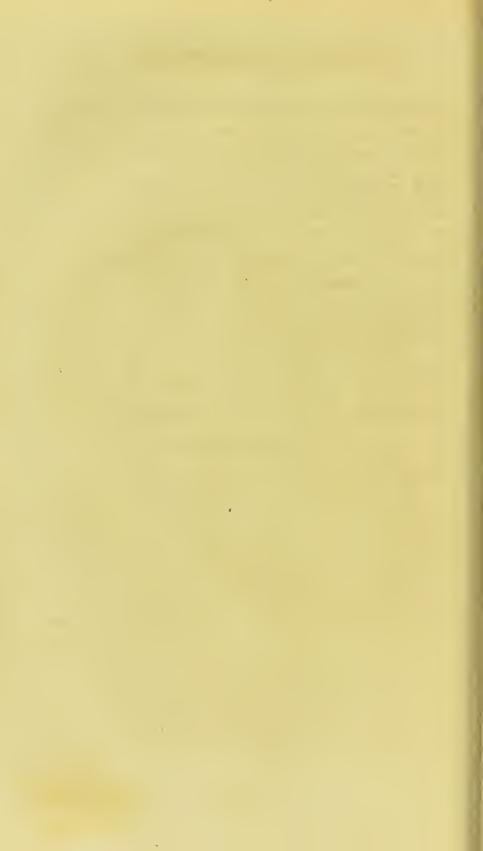
Gives a lateral internal view of a difforted *Pelvis*, divided longitudinally, with the Head of a *Fætus* of the feventh month paffing the fame. *Vide* the Explanation of Table III.

A.B.C The os facrum and coccyx. D The os pubis of the left fide.

E The tuberosity of the os ischium, of the fame fide.

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THE head of the *fætus* here, though fmall, is with difficulty iqueezed down into the *pelvis*, and changed from a round to an oblong form before it can pafs, there being only the fpace of two inches and one quarter between the projection of the fuperior part of the *facrum* and the *offa pubis*. If the head is foon delivered, the child may be born alive: but if it continues in this manner many hours, it is in danger of being loft, on account of the long preffure on the brain. To prevent which, if the labour-pains are not fufficiently ftrong, the head may be helped along with the forceps, as directed in Table XVI.

Dr Ofburn has endeavoured to prove, "that the fætal head, at full maturity, can-"not bear compression to a volume much "fmaller than three inches, from one parie-"tal bone to the other, confistently with "fafety to the child's life." He therefore concludes : "Thro' a *pelvis* which has its "cavity so contracted, that the bones ap-"proach nearer to each other than three "inches, it is utterly impossible for a living I "child, " child, at full maturity, by any means to " pafs."

See Dr Ofburn's Effay on Laborious Parturition, p. 28. et feq.

This figure may ferve as an example of the extreme degree of diffortion of the *pelvis*, between which and the well-formed one are many intermediate degrees, according to which the difficulty of delivery muft increase, or diminish, as well as from the disproportion of the *pelvis* and head of the *fætus*; all which cases require the greatest caution, both as to the management and fastery of the mother and child.

Vide Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 2. Sect. 3. N° 5. Chap. 3. Sect. 4. N° 3. Vol. II. Coll. 21. N° 1. and Coll. 29.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH TABLE

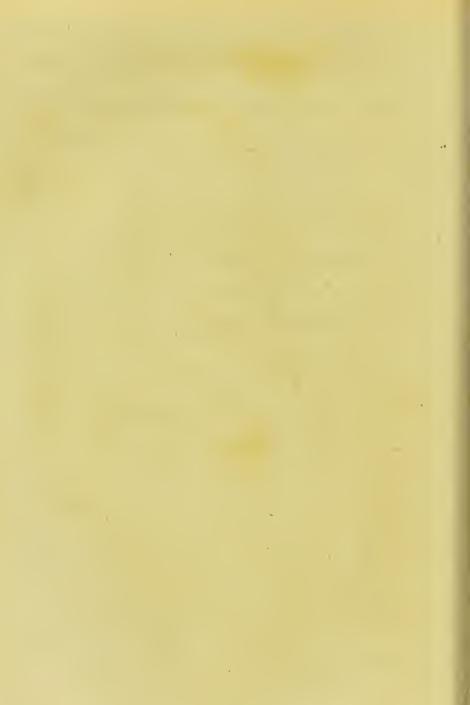
Gives a fide-view of a difforted *Pelvis*, as in the former Table, with the Head of a fullgrown

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grown Fætus squeezed into the Brim, the Parietal Bones decussating each other, and compressed into a conical form.

A.B.C The os facrum and coccyx.
D The os pubis of the left fide.
E The tuberofity of the os ifchiûm.
F The proceffus acutus.
G The foramen magnum.

THIS Table flows the impoffibility in fuch a cafe to fave the child, unlefs by the *Cæfatian* operation; which, however, ought never to be performed, excepting when it is impracticable to deliver at all by any other method. Even in this cafe, after the upper part of the head is diminished in bulk, and the bones are extracted, the greatest force must be applied in order to extract the bones of the face and basis of the skull, as well as the body of the *fætus*.

Vide Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 3. Sect. 7. Chap. 5. Sect. 3. and Vol. III. Coll. 31. 39.

N. B. In opposition to the opinion of Dr Smellie, and sentiments of former authors, Dr Osborn has proved, from the case of Eli-

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fabeth Sherwood, that " a child at full ma-" turity may be extracted by the crotchet " through a *pelvis* whofe aperture does not " exceed one inch and a half from *pubes* to " *facrum*, with tolerable facility to the ope-" rator, and perfect fafety to the mother ; " dimensions much less than what have been " fupposed to require the *Casarian* operation, " even in the latest and best books." Essay on Laborious Parturition, p. 64.—251.&c.

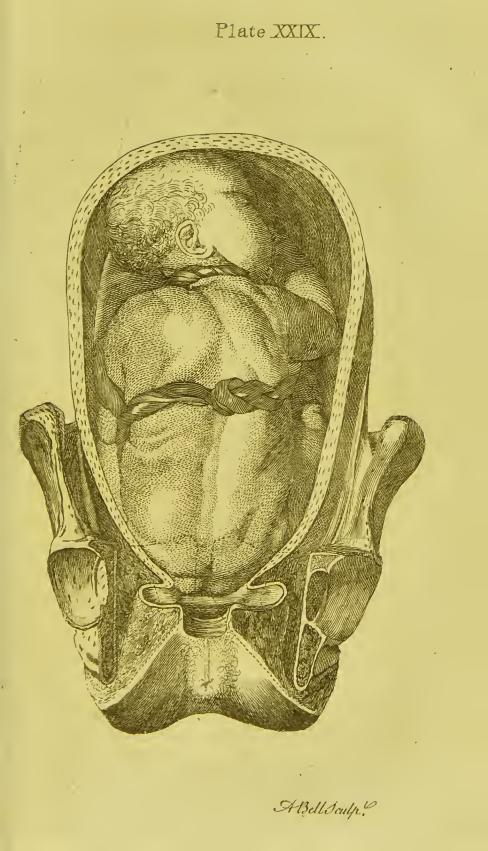
THE TWENTY-NINTH TABLE

Reprefents, in a front view of the *Pelvis*, as in Table XXII. the Breech of the *Fætus* prefenting, and dilating the *Os Internum*, the *Membranes* being too foon broke. The fore-parts of the Child are to the posterior part of the *Uterus*; and the *Funis* with a knot upon it, furrounds the neck, arm, and body.

SOME time after this and the following Tables were engraved, Dr Kelly fhowed me

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a fubject he had opened, where the breech prefented itfelf, and lay much in the fame pofition with its body as in the ninth Table, fuppofing the breech in that figure turned down to the *pelvis*, and the head up to the *fundus uteri*.

I have fometimes felt, in these-cases, [when labour was begun, and before the breech was advanced into the *pelvis*], one hip at the facrum, the other resting above the os pubis, and the private parts to one fide: but before they could advance lower, the nates were turned to the fides and wide part of the brim of the *pelvis* with the private parts to the facrum, as in this Table; though sometimes to the *pubes*, as in the following Table. As soon as the breech advances to the lower part of the basin, the hips again return to their former position, viz. one hip turned out below the os pubis, and the other at the back parts of the os externum.

N. B. In this cafe the child, if not very large, or the *pelvis* narrow, may be often delivered alive by the labour-pains; but if long detained at the inferior part of the *pel*vis, the long preffure of the *funis* may obfuruct

fruct the circulation. In most cases where the breech prefents, the effect of the labourpains ought to be waited for, till at leaft they have fully dilated the os internum and vagina, if the fame have not been stretched before with the waters and membranes. In the mean time, whilft the breech advances, the os externum may be dilated gently during every pain, to allow room for introducing a finger or two of each hand to the outfide of each groin of the fatus, in order to affift the delivery when the nates are advanced to the lower part of the vagina. But if the fatus is larger than usual, or the pelvis narrow. and after a long time and many repeated pains the breech is not forced down into the pelvis, the patient's ftrength at the fame time failing, the operator must in a gradual manner open the parts, and, having introduced a hand into the vagina, raife or pufh up the breech of the fatus, and bring down the legs and thighs. If the uterus is fo ftrongly contracted that the legs cannot be got down, the largest end of the blunt hook is to be introduced, as directed in Table XXXVII. As foon as the breech or legs are brought down, the

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the body and head are to be delivered as defcribed in the next Table, only there is no neceffity here to alter the polition of the child's body.

Vide Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 4. Sect. 1, 2. Vol. III. Coll. 32.

The defeription of the parts in this, and the following Table, is the fame as in Table XXII. only the dotted lines in this deferibe the place of the offa pubis, and anterior parts of the offa ifchiûm which are removed, and may ferve in this refpect as an example for all the other front views, where, without disfiguring the Table, they could not be fo well put in.

N. B. The use of the blunt hook, in breech-cases, is a hazardous expedient; and manual affistance of every kind should be avoided, the most urgent cases only excepted.

See Dr Hamilton's Outlines of Midwifery, page 370. et feq.

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THE THIRTIETH TABLE

SHOWS, in the fame view, and with the fame references as the former, the breech of the fatus prefenting; with this difference, however, that the fore parts of the child are to the fore part of the uterus. In this cafe, when the breech coming double as it prefents is brought down to the hams, the legs must be extracted, a cloth wrapped round them, and the fore parts of the child turned to the back parts of the woman. If a pain should in the mean time force down the body of the child, it ought to be pushed up again in turning, as it turns eafier when the belly is in the pelvis, than when the breaft and fhoulders are engaged; and as fometimes the face and forehead are rather towards one of the groins, a quarter turn more brings these parts to the fide of the pelvis, and a little backwards, after which the body is to be brought down. If the child is not large, the arms need not be brought down, and the head may be delivered by preffing back the fhoulders and body of

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of the child to the perinæum, and whilft the chin and face are within the vagina, to bring the occiput out from below the pubes, according to Daventer's method. Or the operator may introduce a finger or two into the mouth, or on each fide of the nofe, and, fupporting the body on the fame arm, fix two fingers of the other hand over the fhoulders, on each fide of the child's neck, and in this manner raife the body over the pubes, and bring the face and forehead out with a femicircular turn upwards, from the under part of the os externum. All this may be eafily done when the woman lies on her fide; but if the child is large, and the pelvis narrow, it is better to turn the patient on her back, as defcribed in Table XXIV.; and after the legs and body are extracted as far as the fhoulders, the arms are to be cautioufly brought down, and the head delivered. If the woman has ftrong pains, and when by the felt pullation of the veffels of the funis umbilicalis, or the ftruggling motions of the *fatus*, it is certain that the child is still alive, wait with patience for the affistance of the labour : but if that and the hand

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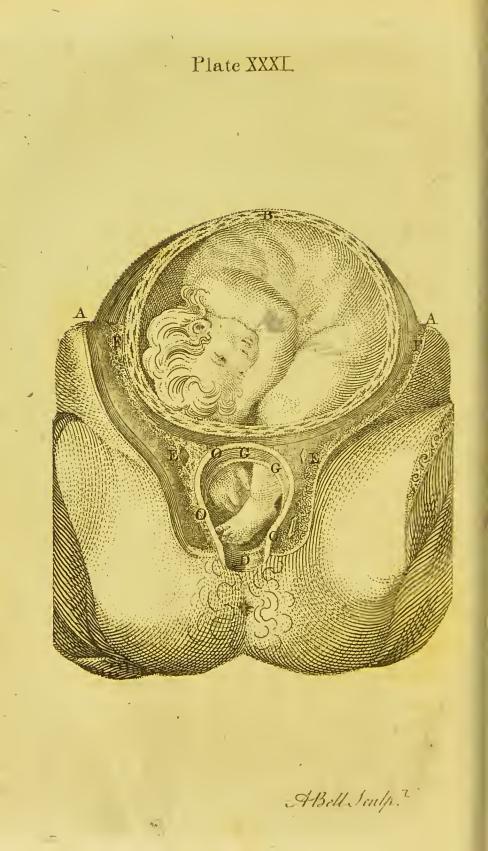
are infufficient, and the pulfation of the funis turns weaker, and if the child cannot be brought double, the breech muft be pushed up; and if the refistance of the uterus is fo great as to prevent the extraction of the legs, the patient ought to be turned on her knees and elbows. When the legs are thus brought down, the woman, if needful, is to be again turned to her back, to allow more freedom to deliver the body and head, as before defcribed. If the head, after feveral trials, cannot be delivered, without endangering the child, from overftraining the neck, the long curved forceps ought to be applied, as in Table XXXV. If these fail, and the patient is not in danger, fome time may be allowed for the effect of the labour pains; which likewife proving infufficient, the crotchet must be used as in Table XXXIX, and when it is certain that the child is dead, or that there is no poffibility of faving it.

N. B. Under proper management, if there is no confiderable relative difproportion between the head and the *pelvis*, the hand of the operator will be fufficient to relieve the head (when retained after the delivery of the

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the body) in breech, and other preternatural prefentations. See Dr *Hamilton*'s Outlines of Midwifery, page 366. to 368.

THE THIRTY-FIRST TABLE

Reprefents, in a front view of the *Pelvis*, the *Fætus* compreffed by the contraction of the *Uterus* into a round form, the foreparts of the former being towards the inferior part of the latter, and one Foot and Hand fallen down into the *Vagina*. In this figure the anterior part of the *Pelvis* is removed by a longitudinal fection through the middle of the *Foramen Magnum*.

A.A The fuperior parts of the offa iliûm. B.B The uterus.

C The mouth of the womb ftretched, and appearing in

O.O.O.O The vagina.

D The inferior and posterior part of the os externum.

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E.E.E.E The remaining part of the offa pubis and ischium.

F.F.F.F The membrana adipofa.

THIS and the three following Tables, reprefenting four different preternatural politions of the *fætus in utero*, may ferve as examples for the manner of delivery in thefe as well as in all other preternatural cafes.

In all preternatural cafes, the *factus* may be eafily turned and delivered by the feet, if known before the *membranes* are broke, and the waters difcharged; or if the *pelvis* is narrow, and the patient is flrong, the head, if large, may be brought down fo as to prefent in the natural way: but if all the waters are difcharged, and the *uterus* is flrongly contracted to the body of the *factus*, this laft method can feldom take place, on account of the flrong preffure of the *uterus*, and flipperinefs of the child's head.

In the prefent cafe, the woman may either be laid on her back or fide, as deferibed in Tables XVI. and XXIV. and the operator, having flowly dilated the os externum with his fingers, muft introduce the fame into the *vagina*,

vagina, and push up into the uterus the parts of the fætus that present; or if there is space for it, his hand may pass in order to dilate the os internum if not fufficiently ftretched previoufly by the membranes and waters. This done, he must advance his hand into the uterus, to know the position of the fatus; and, as the breech is rather lower than the head, fearch for the other leg, and bring down both feet without the os externum. A cloth must then be wrapped round them; and, having grafped them with one hand, he is to introduce the other into the uterus, in order to raife the head of the fatus, whilft the legs and thighs are pulled down by the hand that holds the feet. When the head is raifed, and does not fall down again, the hand of the operator may be withdrawn from the uterus, and the delivery completed as directed in the two former Tables. By the artlefs method of taking hold and pulling one or both feet, the breech may come down and the head rife to the fundus; but if this fnould not happen, there will be great danger of overstraining the fatus, which is prevented by the former method. If the membranes 3

membranes are broken before the os uteri is largely opened, and the hand of the operator cannot be introduced, which fometimes happens in a first pregnancy, the parts of the *fætus* should be allowed to protrude still further, by which means the rigidity of the os internum will in time be lessend.

Vide Vol. I. and III. on preternatural labours.

See also directions for the management of preternatural labours in Dr *Hamilton*'s Outlines of Midwifery, page 357. et feq.; and Dr Denman's Aphorisms respecting the Distinction and Management of preternatural Presentation.

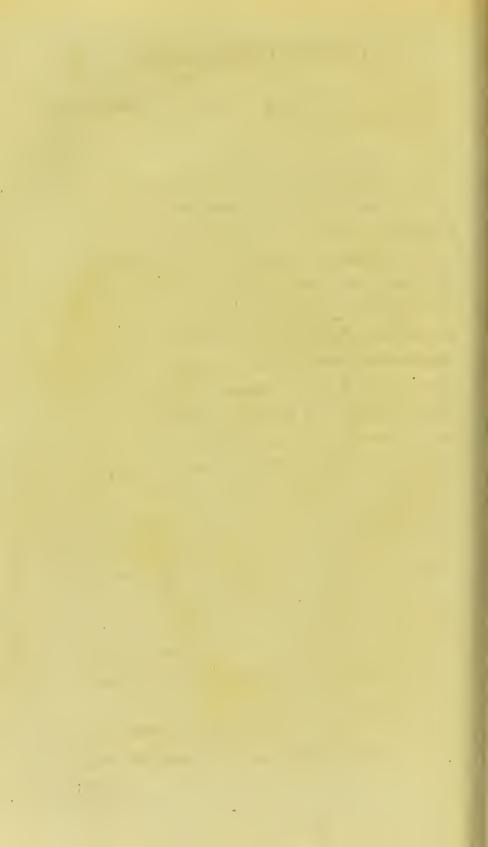
THE THIRTY-SECOND TABLE

Reprefents, in the fame view with the former, the Fætus in the contrary polition; the Breech and Fore-parts being towards the Fundus Uteri, the left Arm in the Vagina, and fore Arm without the Os Externum, the

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the Shoulder being likewife forced into the Os Uteri.

THE operator in this cafe must introduce his fingers between the back part of the vagina and the arm of the fatus, in order to raife the shoulder and make room for preffing his hand into the uterus to diffinguish the position. This being known, he ought to push up the shoulder to that part of the uterus where the head is lodged, in order to raife the fame to the fundus. If the body of the fatus does not move round, and thereby lie in a more convenient polition for bringing down the legs, the hand of the operator ought to be pushed up still higher to fearch for and take hold of the feet, which are to be brought down as far as is poffible. If this fhould not change the position, the shoulder is to be pushed up, and the legs pulled down, alternately, till they are brought down into the vagina, or without the os externum; after which the delivery may be completed as in the former cafe.

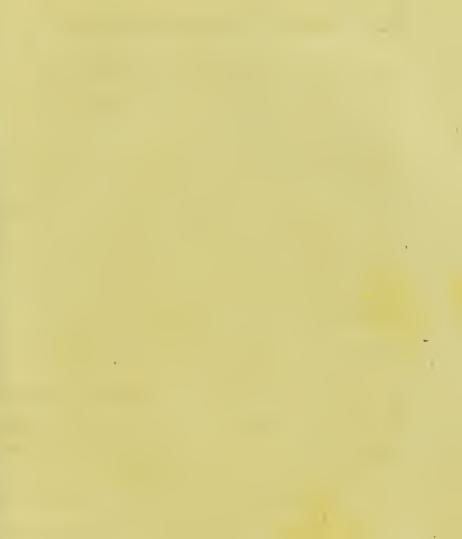
If the feet cannot be brought down lower than into the vagina, a noofe may be introduced

duced over both ankles, by which the legs are brought lower by pulling the noofe with one hand, whilf the other, previoufly introduced into the uterus, pushes up the shoulders and head. By this double force the polition of the fatus is to be altered, and the delivery effected. In these cases, as the shoulder is raifed to the fundus, the arm commonly returns into the uterus; but if the arm is fo fwelled as to prevent the introduction of the operator's hand, and cannot be folded up or returned into the uterus, it must be taken off at the fhoulder, or elbow, in order to deliver and fave the woman *. If both arms come down when the breaft prefents, the methods above described are to be used.

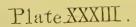
Vide The explanations and references of the foregoing Table to illustrate this and the following.

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* The protruding arm of the child does not impede the introduction of the operator's hand in turning; and the horrid expedient of *amputation* recommended here, and by former practitioners, is feldom neceffary, even in cafes of confiderable narrownefs of the pelvis from diffortion. See Dr Hamilton's Outlines of Midwifery, p. 392. et feq.



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THE THIRTY-THIRD TABLE

Exhibits, in the fame view likewife of the Pelvis with the former, a third position of the Fætus when compressed into the round form; the Belly, viz. or Umbilical Region, presenting at the Os Internum, and the Funis fallen down into the Vagina, and appearing at the Os Externum.

THE delivery in this cafe is to be effected as in the former Table, by pushing up the breaft, and bringing down the legs. When the belly prefents, it is eafier coming at the legs than when the breaft prefents, becaufe in the former cafe the head is nearer to the fundus uteri, and the legs and thighs lower. If the belly or breaft is forced down into the lower part of the pelvis, the child will be in danger from the bending of the vertebræ, and the preffure of the spinal marrow. So great force is also required to raife these parts up into the uterus, in order to come at the feet, that it will fometimes be neceffary to turn the woman to her knees and elbows, to di-L diminifh

minish the refistance of the *abdominal* mufcles. When the *funis* comes down without the *os externum*, if there is a pulfation felt, it must immediately be replaced, and kept warm in the *wagina*, to preferve the circulation, and prevent a stagnation from its being exposed to the cold air. If the *funis* comes down when the head prefents, the child is in danger, if not speedily delivered with the pains, or brought footling.

N. B. For an ingenious method of reducing the prolapfed cord, See London Medical Journal, Vol.VII. 1786, p. 38.

See the two former Tables for the explanations and references.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH TABLE

Shows, in a lateral view of the *Pelvis*, one of the most difficult preternatural cases. The left Shoulder, Breast, and Neck of the Fatus presenting, the head reflected over the *Pubes* to the right Shoulder and Back, and the



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the Feet and Breech firetched up to the *Fundus*, the *Uterus* contracted at the fame time, in form of a long Sheath, round the Body of the $F \alpha t u s$.

A.B.C The os facrum and coccyx.
D The os pubis of the left fide.
E Part of the urinary bladder.
F The rectum.
H.I.K The private parts.
M The anus.
M.N The perinæum.
V The meatus urinarius.

O The os uteri, not yet opened, and fituated backwards towards the rectum and coccyx.

R.S The fame reprefented in dotted lines, as opened when the labour is begun.

T.U The fame more fully dilated, but nearer to the posterior than anterior part of the *pelvis*.

W.P The fame not fully firetched at the fore part, though entirely obliterated at the back-part, the *uterus* and *vagina* being there only fometimes one continued furface.

HENCE it appears why the anterior part L 2 of of the os uteri is frequently protruded before the head of the fatus at the pubes, which, if it retards delivery, is removed by fliding it up with a finger or two between the head and laft-mentioned part. The practice recommended here is attended with confiderable hazard; and in a favourable prefentation of the fatus the dilatation may be fafely trufted to nature. Vide Tables IX. X. XI. XII. XIII.

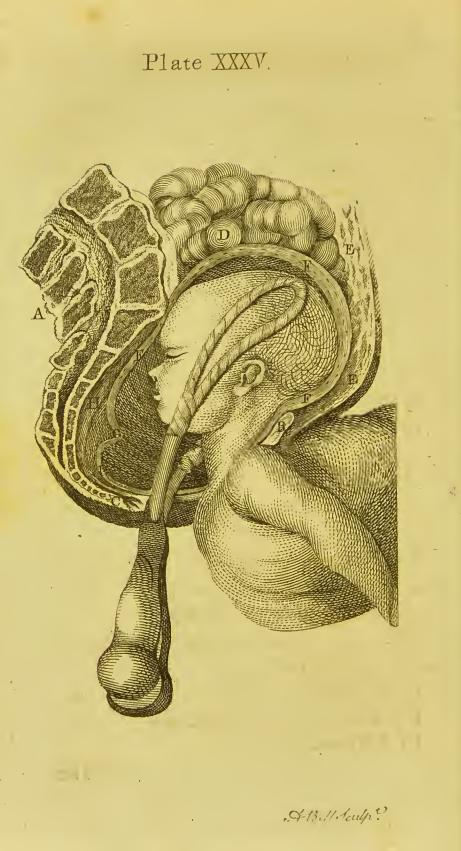
The manner of delivery, in the polition of the fætus, as represented in this Table, is to endeavour with the hand to force up the part prefenting, in order to raife the head to the fundus. If this is impossible from the strong contraction of the uterus, the operator must pufh up his hand in a flow and cautious manner along the breaft and belly of the child, in order to come at the legs and feet, which are to be taken hold of, and brought down as far as the polition of the fatus will admit of. The body is then to be moved round by pushing up the lower parts, and pulling down the upper, till the feet are brought without the as externum, and the delivery completed as in Table XXXI. But if the feet

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feet cannot be got down, fo as to be taken hold of without the *os externum*, a noofe must be fixed over the ankles, as in Table XXXII. *Vide*Vol.I. and III. as directed in Table XXXI.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH TABLE

Shows, in a lateral view of the *Pelvis*, the Method of affifting the Delivery of the Head of the *Fætus* with the long curved Forceps in preternatural Cafes, when it cannot be done with the hands, as defcribed in Tables XXIX. and XXX.

A The three lowest vertebræ of the loins, with the os facrum and coccyx.

B The os pubis of the left fide.

C.C The *perinæum* and *anus* preffed backwards with the forceps.

D. The intestines. E.E. The parietes of the abdomen. F.F.F. The uterus.

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G The posterior part of the os uteri. H The restum. I The vagina.

AFTER the body and arms of the child are delivered, and the different methods used to bring down the head with the hands, as directed in the above Table, and more fully defcribed in Vol. I. and III. the following method is to be tried in order to fave the child, which must otherwise be lost by overstraining the neck and fpinal marrow. The woman being in the fupine polition, as in Table XXIV. one of the affiftants ought to hold the body and arms of the child up towards the abdomen of the woman, to give more room to the operator, who having introduced one hand up to the child's face, and moved it from the fide a little backwards, for the eafier application of the forceps along the fides of the head, must then turn his hand to one of the ears, and introduce one of the blades with the other hand between the fame and the head, with the curved fide towards the pubes, as in this Table. This done, the hand is to be brought down to hold the handle

handle of the blade of the forceps, till the other hand is introduced to the other fide of the head; by which means the fame is preffed against the blade that is up, and which is thus prevented from flipping, whilft the other hand introduces the fecond blade on the opposite fide. The blades being thus introduced, care must be taken, that in joining them no part of the vagina is locked in. After the forceps are firmly fixed along the fides of the head, the face and forehead must be turned again to the fide of the brim of the pelvis, by which means the wide part of the head is to the wide part of the brim. This done, the head is to be brought lower, and the force gradually encreased, according to the refistance from the largeness of the head, or narrowness of the pelvis. The forehead, when brought low enough down, is then to be turned into the concavity of the os facrum and coccyx, the handles of the forceps raifed upwards, and the fame caution used in bringing the head through the os externum, as defcribed in Table XIX. and XXX. By this method the head will be delivered, the child frequently faved, and the use of the crotchet

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prevented, except in those basins that are so narrow, that it is impossible to deliver without diminishing the bulk of the head.

Vide Table XXXIX. Alfo Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 4. Sect. 5. Vol. III. Coll. 34, 35.

N.B. In preternatural labours, if the head cannot be relieved by the hands of the operator, the child can feldom be faved by mechanical expedients. In difficult cafes the tage curved forceps may, however, be atmempted to be applied. Those of Dr Leak, in those circumftances, are preferable to any others. See note after explanation of Table XXX.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH TABLE

Reprefents, in a lateral view of the *Pelvis*, the method of extracting, with the affiftance of a curved Crotchet, the Head of the *Fætus*, when left in the *Uterus*, after the Body is delivered and feparated from it, either by its being too large, or the *Pelvis* too narrow.

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A.B.C The os facrum and coccyx. D The os pubis of the left fide. E.E The uterus.

F The locking part of the crotchet.

g.h.i The point of the crotchet on the infide of the cranium.

IF this cafe happens from the forehead's being towards the pubes, or the child long dead, and fo mortified that both the body and under-jaw are feparated unexpectedly, the long forceps that are curved upwards will be fufficient to extract the head; but if the fame is large, and the *pelvis* narrow, and the delivery cannot be effected by the above method, then the head must be opened, that its bulk may diminish as it is extracted. The patient being placed either on her back or fide, as in the explanation of Table XVI. and XXIV. the left hand of the operator is to be introduced into the uterus, and the forehead of the fatus turned to the right fide of the brim of the *pelvis*, and a little backwards, the chin being downwards; after which the palm of the hand and fingers are to be advanced as high as the fontanelle, and the head M grafped

grafped with the thumb and little finger on each fide, as firm as is poffible, whilft an affistant presses on each fide of the abdomen with both hands, to keep the uterus firm in the middle and lower part of the fame. This done, the operator having with his right hand introduced and applied the crotchet to the head (the point being turned towards the fore-head, and the convex part towards the facrum), he must go up along the infide of the left hand as high as the fontanelle, and there, or near it, fix the point of the crotchet, keeping still the left hand in the former pofition, till with the other he pierces the cranium with the point of the inftrument, and tears a large opening in it from K to I; after this, keeping the crotchet fleady, he may flide down his left hand in a cautious manner, left the former polition should be altered, and the head will fink lower down by the affiftant's preffing on the abdomen. The two fore-fingers of the left hand are then to be introduced into the mouth, and the thumb below the under-jaw, the hand being above the blade of the crotchet. When this firm hold is taken, the operator may begin and

and pull flowly with both hands; and as the brain discharges through the perforation, the head will diminish, and come along. If this method fhould fail from the flipperinefs of the head, or its being fo much offified that a fufficient opening cannot be made, the vertex must be turned down to the brim of the pelvis, the fontanelle backwards, and each blade of the long forceps introduced along the fides of the head, with the curved fide towards the pubes. After they are joined and locked, the handles are to be tied together with a fillet, to keep them firm on the head; an affistant is to keep the handles backwards till the cranium is largely opened with the long fciffars fhown in Table XXXIX. This done, the head is to be extracted in a flow manner, first turning the forehead to the fide of the brim; and as the brain evacuates and the head comes lower down, again turning the forehead into the concavity of the facrum, and completing the delivery, as in Table XVI.

This Table may alfo ferve for an example, to fhow the method of fixing the crotchet on the head, when although the body is not feparated from it, yet it cannot be delivered M 2 with with the operator's hands, or the long forceps, as in Table XXIX. and XXXV.

Vide Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 3. fect. 7. Chap. 4. Sect. 5. Alfo Vol. III. Coll. 31, 36.

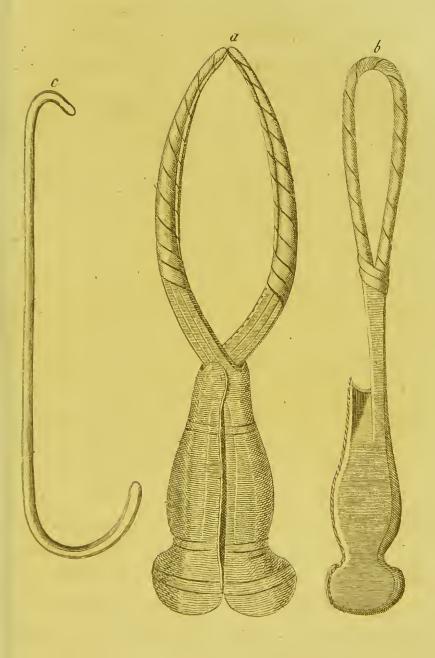
N. B. It is the fafeft practice, where the refistance is confiderable from relative disproportion, to diminish the volume of the child's head previous to the extraction with the hook.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH TABLE

And the two following, represent feveral kinds of Inftruments useful in laborious and difficult Cafes.

A The ftraight fhort forceps, in the exact proportion as to the width between the blades, and length from the points to the locking part: the first being two and the fecond fix inches, which five inches and a half (the length of the handles), makes in all eleven inches and a half. The length of the

PlateXXXVII.



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the handles may be altered at pleafure. I find, however, in practice, that this standard is the most convenient, and with lefs difficulty introduced, than when longer, having also sufficient force to deliver in most cases where their affistance is necessary. The handles and loweft part of the blades may as here be covered with any durable leather; but the blades ought to be wrapped round with fomething of a thinner kind, which may be cafily renewed when there is the least fuspicion of venereal infection in a former cafe: by being thus covered, the forceps have a better hold, and mark lefs the head of the child. For their easier introduction, the blades ought likewife to be greafed with hog's-lard.

B Reprefents the posterior part of a fingle blade, in order to show the open part of the fame, and the form and proportions of the whole. 'The handles, however, as here reprefented, are rather too large.

Vide Table XXI. for the figure and proportions of the long forceps, that are curved upwards, and covered in the fame manner as the former.

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The forceps were at first contrived to fave the *fætus*, and prevent, as much as possible, the use of sharp instruments; but even to this falutary method recourse ought not to be had but in cases where the degree of force requisite to extract will not endanger by its consequences the life of the mother. For, by the imprudent use of the forceps, much more harm may be done than good.

See the explanation of Table XVI. Alfo the preface to Vol. II. with the cafes in the Collection on that fubject.

C The blunt hook, which is used for three purposes.

First, Toaffift the extraction of the head after the cranium is opened with the fciffars, by introducing the fmall end along the ear on the outfide of the head to above the under-jaw, where the point is to be fixed; the other extremity of the hook being held with one hand, whilst two fingers of the other are to be introduced into the forefaid opening, by which holds the head is to be gradually extracted.

Secondly, The fmall end is useful in abortions in any of the first four or five months,

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to hook down the fecundines, when lying loofe in the uterus, when the patient is much weakened by floodings from the too long retention of the fame, the pains also being unable to expel them, and when they cannot be extracted with the fingers. But if the placenta still adheres, it is dangerous to use this or any other inftrument to extract the fame, as it ought to be left till it feparates naturally. If a fmall part of the fecundines is protruded through the os uteri, and pulled away from what still adheres in the uterus, the mouth of the womb contracts, and that irritation is thereby removed which would have continued the pains, and have feparated and difcharged the whole. -

Thirdly, The large hook at the other end is useful to affift the extraction of the body, when the breech prefents; but should be used with great caution, to avoid the diflocation or fracture of the thigh.

N. B. The fmall extremity of the hook can never be employed without danger to the mother in the former cafe; nor the large hook without hazard of deftroying the child,

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or occafioning violent injury to the mother in the latter.

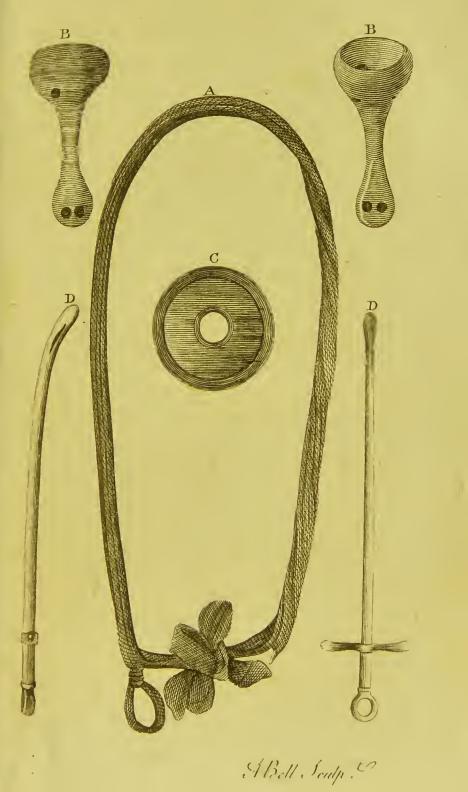
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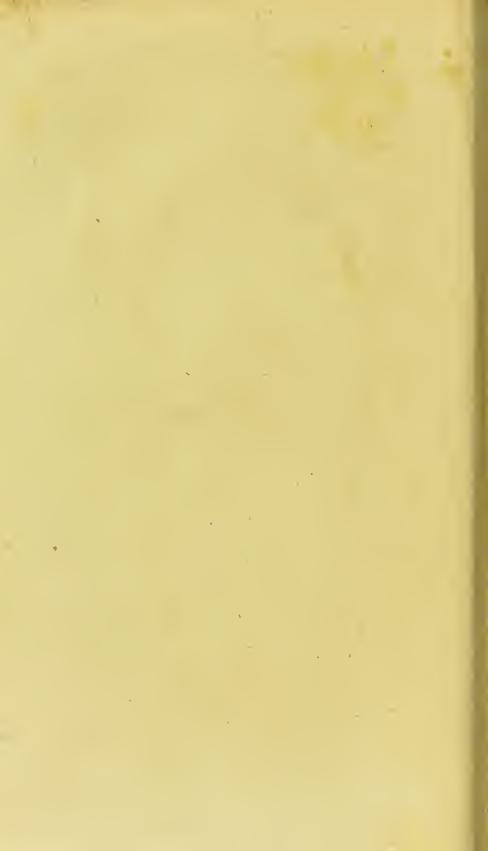
THE THIRTY-EIGHTH TABLE.

A, REPRESENTS the whale-bone fillet, which may fometimes be useful in laborious cafes, when the operator is not provided with the forceps in fudden and unexpected exigencies.

When the vertex of the fatus prefents, and the head is forced down into the lower part of the *pelvis*, the woman weak and the pains not fufficient to deliver it, the double of the fillet is to be introduced along the forepart of the *parietal* bones to the face, and if poffible above the under-jaw; which done, the whale-bone may be either left in or pulled

Plate XXXVIII.





ed down out of the fheath, and every weak pain affifted by pulling gently at the fillet. If the head can be raifed to the upper part of the *pelvis*, the fillet will be more eafily got over the chin, which is a fafer and better hold than on the face. If the face or forehead prefents, the fillet is to be introduced over the occiput.

Vide Vol. I. Book III. Chap. 3. Sect. 2. Vol. II. Coll. 24.

In fuch cafes likewife the whale-bone may be fupplied by a twig of any tough wood, mounted with a limber garter or fillet fowed in form of a long fheath.

N. B. Fillets, of whatever conftruction, being difficult of application, trifling in their powers, liable to cut or gall the child's head, though a fecure hold should be obtained, and in other respects inferior to the forceps, are now with justice rejected from practice.

B.B Gives two views of a new kind of peffary for the *prolapfus uteri*, being taken from the French and Dutch kind. After the *uterus* is reduced, the large end of the peffary is to be introduced into the *vagina*, and the *os uteri* retained in the concave part, N where where there are three holes to prevent the stagnation of any moisture. The small end without the os externum has two tapes drawn through the two holes, which are tied to four other tapes, that hang down from a belt that furrounds the woman's body, and by this means keep up the peffary. This fort may be taken out by the patient when fhe goes to bed, and introduced again in the morning; but as this fometimes rubs the os externum, fo as to make its use uneafy, the round kind marked C are of more general ufe. They are made of wood, ivory, or cork, (the last covered with cloth and dipt in wax): the peffary is to be lubricated with pomatum, the edge forced through the paffage into the vagina, and a finger introduced into the hole in the middle lays it acrofs within the os externum. They ought to be larger or fmaller, according to the wideness or narrownefs of the passage, to prevent their being forced out by any extraordinary ftraining. Vide Vol. I. Book IV. Chap. 1. Sect. 7. Vol. III. Coll. 24.

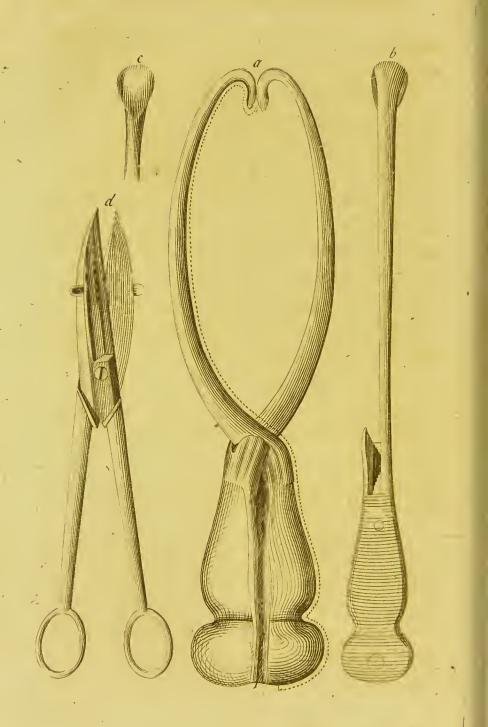
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commended by Dr Denman, London Medical Journal, Vol. VII. for 1786, page 56.

D.D Gives two views of a female catheter, to fhow its degree of curvature and different parts. Those for common use may be made much shorter for conveniency of carrying in the pocket: but sometimes when the head or body of the child presses on the bladder above the *pubes*, it requires one of this length; and in some extraordinary cases I have been obliged to use a male catheter.

Vide Vol. I. Book II. Chap. 1. Sect. 1, 2: Vol. II. Coll. 10. Nº 2.

THE THIRTY-NINTH TABLE

a REPRESENTS a pair of curved crotchets locked together in the fame manner as the forceps. It is very rare that the use of both is neceffary, excepting when the face prefents with the chin turned to the *facrum*, and when it is impossible to move the head to N 2 bring

bring the child footling, or deliver with the forceps. In that cafe, if one crotchet is not fufficient, the other is to be introduced, and when joined together will act both as crotchets, in opening the cranium, and as the head advances, will likewife act as forceps in moving and turning the head more conveniently for the delivery of the fame. They may also be useful to affist when the head is left in the aterus, and one blade is not fufficient. There is feldom occasion, however, for the fharp crotchet, when the head prefents; the blunt hook in Table XXVII. being commonly fufficient, or even the forceps, to extract the fame, after it is opened with the fciffars. Great care ought to be taken, when the fharp crotchet is introduced, to keep the point towards the fætus, especilly in cases where the fingers cannot be got up to guide the fame. The dotted lines along the infide of one of the blades, reprefent a fheath that is contrived to guard the point till it is introduced high enough; the ligature at the handles marked with the two dotted lines is then to be untied, the sheath withdrawn, and

and the point, being uncovered, is fixed as directed in Table XXXVI.

The point, guarded with this fheath, may alfo be used instead of the blunt-hook.

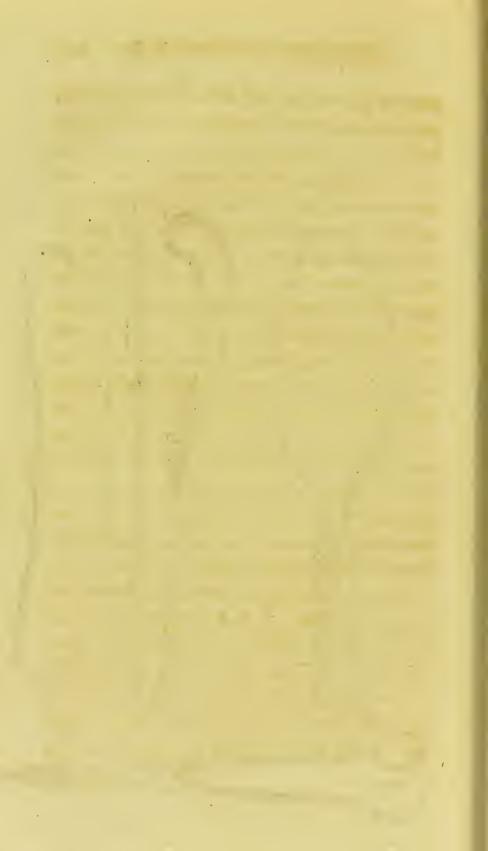
b Gives a view of the back-part of one of the crotchets, which is twelve inches long.

c Gives a front view of the point, to fhow its length and breadth, which ought to be rather longer and narrower than here reprefented.

N. B. In the lefs improved flate of the art, when mechanical exertions were chiefly trufted to accomplifh delivery, in cafes of narrownefs from diffortion of the bones, two blades of the crotchet were recommended by Dr Smellie. That practice is now rejected; for both blades can never be employed at once with advantage, and feldom with fafety.

See Dr Hamilton's Outlines of Midwifery, page 285 to 302; alfo Appendix, 420; and Dr Ofborne's Effay on Laborious Parturition.

d Reprefents the sciffars proper for perforating the cranium in very narrow and diftorted pelvises. They ought to be made very strong,



ing the use of that instrument are obviated, and the operation is rendered more fafe and eafy.

In contriving these alterations, the intentions were, 1. That the large curves should correspond as nearly as possible with that of the pelvis. 2. That their points should be thrown forwards and made round, to prevent their hitching, or even preffing uneafily against any part of the pelvis; and likewife to maintain their hold of the head, whilst it is to be brought forwards in that curved line of direction which nature observes. 3. That an inverted curve should be made towards the joints, whereby the perinzum may be faved from injury, the extracting force rightly conducted, and the handles at the fame time kept from preffing uneafily on the ininferior and anterior parts of the pubes. 4. That their fubstance should be reduced as much as poffible, fo that they are not made flexible, or fo thin at the edges as to hurt the part. 5. That their clams be made to prefs equally on the child's head, and fpread gradually from the joint, fo as not to dilate the os vagina too fuddenly. 6. That the clams

clams be of a due breadth, with the outer furface a little convex, and extremely fmooth, that they may not prefs uneafily or hurt the woman. 7. That their length be fuch as can be applied fafely and commodioufly within the *pelvis*, and at the fame time fuit the different fizes of the head as much as poffible.

The inftrument, executed according to thefe intentions, is called the *Short Curved Forceps*. It confifts of two blades, or parts; each of which is diffinguifhed into the handle A, the joint B C, and the clams D E. See fig. 1. which reprefents one of the blades before it is bent into its perfect flate: *a'a a*, are three holes for admitting forews to fix the wooden handle.—Fig. 2. flows the inflrument finished and locked, in which flate it measures about 11 inches; and, when properly made, weighs about 11 ounces Troy. The clams must be covered with the beft Morocco leather shaved thin, moistened with water, and fewed on with waxed filk.

N. B. Several inconveniences, both in the introduction and confequences, having been found to attend the use of the forceps with the clams covered, practitioners at pre-

fent very generally prefer those of polished fteel.

Fig. 3. A catheter, with a fmall curve towards the point, which is better adapted to the female urethra than the straight. It may be perforated with 8, 12, or 16 holes in rows, as here represented, and terminated by a slight, very smooth, rounded, or oblong knob. The length should be nearly fix inches, and the diameter not triffing.

Fig. 4. The perforators of Dr Denman, now employed by many practitioners, in preference to thole of Dr Smellie, with the angular refts rendered fmoother and more rounded. If the long fciffars of Dr Smellie fhould be ftill retained in practice, the fharp edges ought to be removed; they fhould have, like thole of Dr Denman, a degree of curve towards the points, and be provided: with blunt knobs, inflead of the angular refts, which expose the patient to the hazard of having the parts wounded or lacerated.

See Dr Hamilton's Outlines of Midwifery, p. 290.

N. B. With a view to fave the child when the mother is in danger, but the head too O high

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high for the common floort forceps, and alfo to obviate an inconvenience complained of by many practitioners, of their locking within the vagina, the long forceps of Mr Leveret of Paris, Drs Smellie and Leak of London, and of Mr Pugh of Chelmsford in Effex, have been invented. The lightness and neatness of construction of Dr Leak's, with justice, intitle them to the preference.

Fig. 5. The blunt hook, as prefently ufed, with a fwell in the middle, by which a more fecure hold can be taken, and the extraction accomplished with more fafety and fuccess, than with the straight hook.

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