sue the case farther, except to say that the progress has fully verified the diagnosis.

My object in giving this account, and in this form, is to call the attention of dentists (and their physicians) to the fact that in the practice of their art they may meet with a similar misfortune, and that its character may not easily be perceived by the most skilful surgeons. In New York, I was assured by Dr. F. (who is a professor, and a very distinguished surgeon), that chancres in the mouth are by no means rare, and perhaps a search would prove them about as plenty in Boston. Should the finger come in contact with such a sore, a hang-nail would give abundant entrance to the poison.

It is almost twenty years since I have practised medicine, and to medical men I do not feel competent to make further comments on the case.

AN ACEPHALOUS FŒTUS.

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EARLY on the morning of the 24th inst., I was summoned to visit a young woman, about 18 years of age, residing in an adjoining town, some five miles distant.

On my arrival, I was informed that she was suffering from "cramp in the stomach," to which she had been subject for several years; that about six months previously she had a severe course of typhoid fever, and that since that time she had not menstruated. I was also informed that she had been married nearly three months.

Immediately after entering her room I discovered that she was in labor. On making an examination, I found within the uterine orifice a fœtus, apparently of about four months, which was expelled in the course of half an hour, and which appeared to be in a perfectly natural and healthy condition, except that it was *acephalous*.

On making a further examination, I discovered the *head of another* fœtus, of about *six months*, presenting, which was also expelled in the course of an hour, and which was found to be attached to a separate placenta, and lived several hours after birth.

Milford, Ct., July 27th, 1858.

L. N. BEARDSLEY.

IMPACTED RECTUM FROM EATING PINE CHIPS.

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THE case of impacted rectum reported in the JOURNAL for July 22, reminds me of a somewhat similar case which occurred in my practice some ten months ago.

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