

ported by a well-fitting suspensory bandage, although the plasters at once relieve any inconvenience or pain that may have been occasioned by the dragging or weight of the testicle.

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## POLYPOUS TUMOUR

CONNECTED WITH THE OS UTERI.

*To the Editor of THE LANCET.*

SIR:—If the following case (the specimen I have forwarded you) be anywise important, it is at your service. Your obedient servant,

M. D. THOMPSON, M.R.C.S.L.  
Stalybridge, June 22, 1840.

On the evening of June 20th, I was requested to visit Mrs. —, who was in labour. I found, on examination *per vaginam*, that the os uteri was dilated considerably, and that it had a tumour connected to a portion of it.

The connection of the tumour was effected by small peduncles, which, by a little pressure, were broken through. The tumour was invested by a dense, strong membrane; its appearance was buffy; its form renate; its longitudinal diameter two inches, and the transverse, an inch and a half.

On making an incision horizontally through the centre of the tumour, and carrying it from one side nearly to the other, I found the scalpel was interrupted by bone. On examination of the section, nine-tenths of the tumour were apparently cellular membrane, containing a gelatinous fluid; and the remainder, bone enveloped in distinct muscular fibre. The peduncles, which connected the tumour to the os uteri, were adjacent to the muscle and to the osseous deposition.

The female, during her pregnancy, had had no hæmorrhage; the labour was of the ordinary description, and was quickly completed.

\* \* We are not disposed to agree with Mr. Thompson in the opinion, that the tumour was attached by more than one pedicle; the smaller projections, resembling broken pedicles, appear to be small growths from the surface. The red tissue surrounding the ossific matter we have examined under one of Powell's latest microscopes, and have ascertained to be true muscular fibre of animal life in an incipient state.

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## THE LANCET.

*London, Saturday, July 25, 1840.*

Mr. WARBURTON a short time since gave notice of a motion in the House of Commons, to come on for discussion on Tuesday last, to the effect that the House should resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the laws affecting the Medical Profession. The House having met on Tuesday last, at twelve o'clock, and sat until half-past three, it was then adjourned to five o'clock, at which latter hour there being only 36 members present, Mr. SPEAKER proclaimed that there was "no House," and, consequently, the motion could not be brought forward. Mr. WARBURTON, however, has stated in private, that it is his intention to ask for leave to bring in a Bill, almost immediately, whether he has the opportunity of making an exposition on the subject, in a speech, or not. Probably, after all, this will be the wisest course to adopt, as an ample opportunity would thus be afforded to examine the provisions of the measure before any party is committed with reference to its principles or details, in a premature, and, may be, a hasty discussion.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS,

*Wednesday, July 22nd, 1840.*

[The following observations were made in the House of Commons since the foregoing remarks were written.]

Mr. WAKLEY rose and said, that as he saw his honourable friend, the Member for Bridport, in his place, he was desirous of inquiring, as that honourable Member had been prevented, on a previous evening, from submitting his motion to the House relative to the laws which affect the Medical Profession, whether he had any objection to explain the course which he intended to pursue with regard to that subject.

Mr. WARBURTON said, in reply, that as he feared he should have no chance of passing any Bill in the present Session of Parliament, and as there was but little prospect of going into a discussion on the subject, it was his intention on the 28th instant to introduce a Bill, and get it printed, in order that, having been considered during the recess, it might be brought forward at an early period in the next Session.

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