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VOMITING IN PREGNANCY.

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A CASE OF VOMITING IN PREGNANCY TREATED BY MECHANICAL VIBRATORY STIMULATION. REPORTED BY EDWIN ELMER ODER, M. D., ROCKFORD, ILL.

HISTORY.

Mrs. S. Occupation, housewife.

DIAGNOSIS.

This case was referred to me by Dr. Chas. S. Winn for treatment by Mechanical Vibratory Stimulation. Examination of the case, a primipara, showed that pregnancy had advanced to the sixth week.

She complained of severe pain in back, constant nausea all day, with vomiting in morning. Eructation of large quantity of gas after eating. She was in a very depressed condition, and was rapidly decreasing in weight. Examination of the spine showed extreme sensitiveness to digital pressure in the lumbar region from the second to the fifth, more marked on the right side.

TREATMENT.

All of the remedies usually given in this condition were used without benefit to the patient. Dr. Winn then decided to try Mechanical Vibratory Stimulation, and the case was referred to me on January 30, 1905, when the first treatment was given at 2:00 p. m., using the ball attachment with medium stroke and medium pressure from the eighth dorsal down to the end of the spine, paying particular attention to the sensitive points. A light general spinal treatment was given with the brush, which was also used at the posterior angle of the ribs. The patient was then placed on her back, and vibration was directed to the liver and spleen and to the pneumogastric nerves.

RESULTS.

The first treatment gave complete relief from the pain and nausea, and at 6:00 p. m. she was able to eat a full meal of ham and eggs, coffee, etc. She was requested to call on February 1, but was unable to do so, and got no further treatment until February 4, at which time examination showed but little tenderness at the points which had previously been so sensitive. She had had some slight nausea but no pain, and had been able to eat full meals without having the gaseous eructations and feeling of discomfort. The second treatment served to completely stop the nausea, and when she came for the third treatment, February 11, she had regained the lost weight, had had no pain or nausea, and the points along the spine were not at all sensitive.

The results of the first treatment were very gratifying, especially when one considers the difficulty one has with these cases under the usual methods of treatment.

On February 22 the patient was in perfectly normal condition, and the upper border of the uterus was just appearing above the symphysis.

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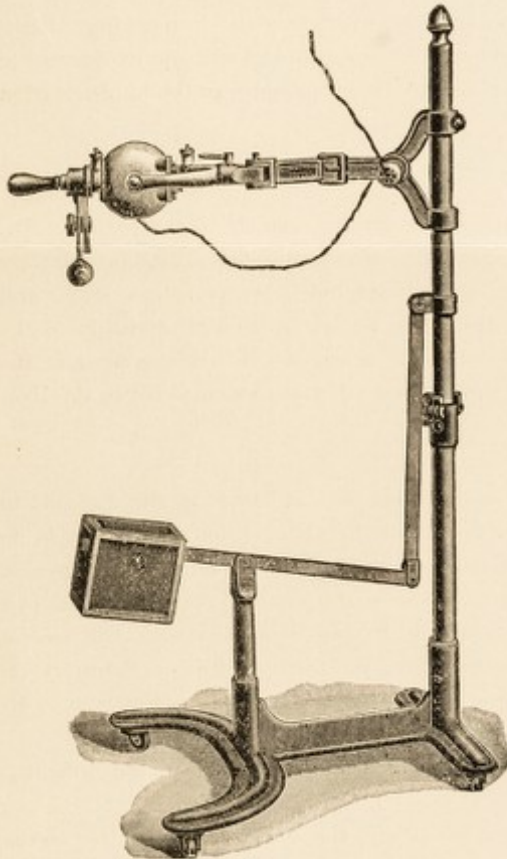
RATIONALE OF TREATMENT

The vomiting was undoubtedly produced reflexly through the sympathetic system, and the tenderness along the spine was the manifestation of the irritation produced in the cord through the intimate connection of the sympathetics with the spinal system in the pelvic region. The ball was used over the sensitive areas to relieve the irritation, and was also used over all the area in which the uterine centres lie, and over that portion of the column containing the sacral segment of the spinal cord. The uterus, besides its sympathetic supply, is also supplied from the third and fourth sacral nerves.

The general spinal treatment was given to affect the general tone, and the stimulation of the liver and spleen was for increasing elimination, thus aiding the digestive process.

The work over the pneumogastric nerves had a direct effect on the stomach walls.

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NOTE—(X) Cross marks indicate affected areas, showing where treatment was applied.

GENERAL SPINAL TREATMENT WITH BRUSH.

