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finger up underneath the *ossa pubis*, at other times by passing the finger backwards, or towards the *sacrum*.

There is another safe method of assisting nature in the delivery of the *placenta*, and which, for these five or six years last past, I have found to answer generally very well in practice. As soon as the child is committed to the care of the nurse, let the accoucheur apply his hand upon the belly of the woman, which is then very loose, and he will readily feel the contracting *uterus*: then having placed the flat of the hand over it, let him, by a light and gentle pressure, bring it downwards, or towards the *pubes*, and he will feel the *uterus* sensibly contracting, and often will feel it  
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