

VII. *Remark of the Case of a poor Woman who had a Foetus in her Abdomen for Nine Years, opened May 6th 1739. by William Bromfeild, Surgeon.*

**T**HIS poor Woman, about Nine Years since, was with Child, and, at the Expiration of the usual Time, was attempted to be delivered.—The Child was so far advanced in the Passage, that the Midwife declared, that in less than Two Minutes the Child would be in the World; but, on the Woman's suddenly turning herself, the Child slipped from the Midwife, and could not be found by her again.

Previous to her being pregnant, she had been afflicted with the Venereal Disease, and had had a violent Discharge of a fetid Matter from the *Uterus*, and was then under the Care of Mr. *Balgay*, Surgeon, who favoured me with being present when he opened the Body.—She had been salivated once or twice in our Hospitals, but to no Purpose.—After the Time of attempting to deliver her, to the Hour of her Death, she had prodigious Discharges of a fetid Gleet, and frequently indigested Matter with Blood from the *Uterus*.—There appeared a Tumour on the Right Side, which was moveable to the other, though its Attachment was chiefly to the Right.—She was troubled with a Suppression of Urine, ever since the Attempt of Delivery, and within this Twelvemonth went to Stool in a Cloth insensibly, and what *Fæces* descended into the *Rectum*, were immediately discharged.—She gradually wasted from a hale lusty Woman,

Woman, till she was reduced to a mere Skeleton.—  
 This Account is the best I could collect from the  
 good Women who were present at the opening of  
 the Body, and most of them at the Time of her ex-  
 pected Delivery, and have been very conversant with  
 her ever since. ———

Upon opening the Body —

The *Omentum* was intirely wasted: The *Perito-  
 neum* was greatly inflamed, and adhered to the sub-  
 jacent Tumour, which I expected (not being acquainted  
 with the Case) to be a Tumour of the same kind I  
 had lately seen, which was chalky; but, upon cutting  
 into it, there appeared the *Os Frontis*, and, on pro-  
 ceeding farther, the Arm, Leg, and Ribs, on the Left  
 Side,—with some viscid Matter in the Interstices.  
 —It was seemingly contained in a thick membranous  
 Cytt—which, upon Dissection, proved to be the  
 containing *Membranes* of the *Fœtus*, contracted to  
 the Shape of the *Fœtus* in *Utero*, and gave the Tu-  
 mour an oval Form.—The Situation of the *Fœtus*  
 was in the concave Part of the Right *Ilium*, and by  
 its Cytt was attached to the *Intestines*, *Colon*, and *Cæ-  
 cum*.—It had some Vessels that ran on the Surface  
 of the Cytt, that was sent from the internal *Iliacs* of  
 the contrary Side.—By its Pressure on the Right  
*Ureter*, it had hindered the Descent of the Urine,  
 and had greatly enlarged both the *Ureter* and *Pelvis*,  
 (of the Right Kidney) which was greatly distended  
 with Urine, so that what descended into the Bladder,  
 must steal in *guttatim*.

The *Uterus* and *Fallopian Tubes* appeared of their  
 usual Size, only inflamed.—The *Fimbriæ* were  
 loose and fluctuating. On examining farther into the  
*Pelvis*,

*Pelvis*, there was near Six Ounces of fetid Matter lying between the *Rectum* and *Uterus*, which near its Neck was perforated, and the Parts were very rotten. From its Neck almost to the Extremity of the *Vagina*, the Muscles of the *Anus* were nearly destroyed. — There were some few indurated little Tumours adhering loosely to the Cyst of the *Fætus*. — There were several little Parts appeared like carious Bones found in the Matter contained in the *Pelvis*. —

From what has been said, it appears that the *Fætus* had been Nine Years in the *Abdomen*.

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VIII. *A Letter from Mr. John Powell, to Sir Hans Sloane, Bart. Pr. R. S. &c. concerning a Gentlewoman who voided with her Urine, hairy crustaceous Substances: To which is annexed Sir Hans Sloane's Answer, containing several Observations of extraordinary Substances voided by the Urinary Passages.*

Honoured SIR,                      Pembroke, July 16. 1733.

HAVING the Opportunity of sending now to London by a safe Hand, I make bold to send you in a Box, some things that a worthy Divine's Daughter of this Neighbourhood, whose Father has been some Years dead, and her Husband now too, has voided ever since *Michaelmas* last was Two Years,