

given to her as her condition required them. Eldaform Stovarsol, Bismuth, Salol, Kaolin were some of the medicines given her for her diarrhoea. Her diet consisted of Arrowroot, Bengers and the inside of a fruit known as bæ. After a fortnight or so her diarrhoea was controlled to two semi-formed stools daily. Her albuminuria, which persisted all through the present course of her illness was also cured now. Her diet was gradually increased by dhal, milk and rice, fish and an orange: the Arrowroot was omitted. Within a week her stools were quite normal, 2 daily—her normal diet of fish, rice, dhal, vegetables, chappatties, with additionals of a raw egg, bread and butter were taken and relished. On the 29-9-1938 she was wheeled out on to the verandah to sit there on an easy chair; this she thoroughly enjoyed. On the 1-10-1938 she was given her first bath since her admission but this was anything but enjoyed. However her progress was quite good, her former treatment was omitted and she was given an Iron Tonic. When she had gained almost a stone in weight and her hæmaglobin increased to 50 per cent she was discharged on the 22-10-1938 well enough to go home to her village.

We had a difficult task to perform to get her husband to give his signature consenting to her being operated on, as he was quite sure the mortuary would be her next room, and as he was penniless could not see his way to burying her or taking the corpse back to his village. However, we were finally able to overcome his persistency by assuring him that everything that could be done for her would be done, and he was given Rs. 5 for his expenses. When she was cured he was grateful to us for all we had done for her. Both their fares were paid by the Poor Relief Fund; and they were also given Rs. 7 for their expenses, from a member in the Hospital.

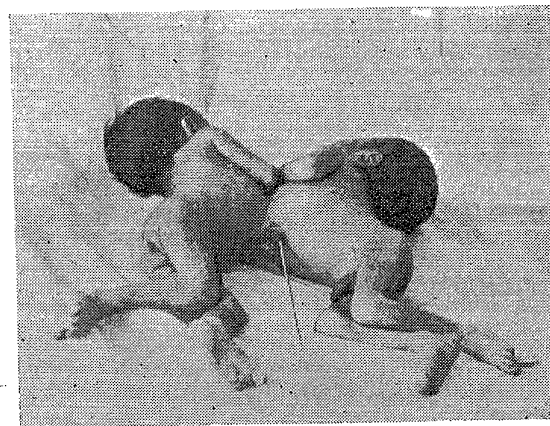
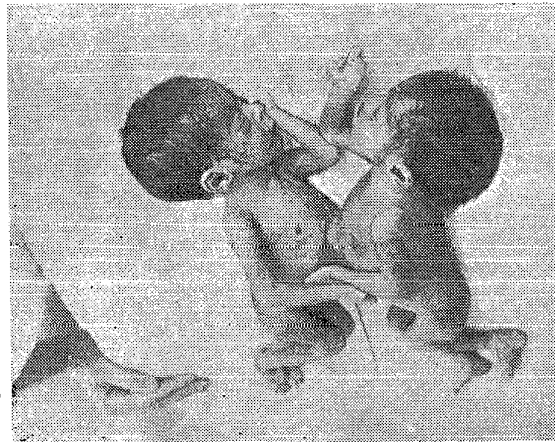
'SIAMESE TWINS'

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A female patient named Phundia aged about 38 years, resident of Baresia, Caste Kachi was admitted to Prince of Wales Hospital, Bhopal along with twins on the 8th November 1938. She has had 8 previous children (4 boys and 4 girls) out of which 5 died. The previous deliveries were all normal. This time when the twins were born she was in pains for 24 hours and was subject to night blindness for the last 2 months.

Delivery in both was vertex. First one head came out and immediately the second head and then the trunk. The elbow was fixed in front of the chest and both the hands were on the chin in one case and in the other they were on the neck. There was one common cord and one placenta. Both twins were alive and cried lustily. They were having motions daily and were taking milk by breast. Their bones were small and there were wrinkles on their bodies and there was no other congenital abnormality. Previous children when born were healthy. Weight of the infants was 5 lbs. 6 oz.,

circumference of each skull was 11 inches and length of body 15 inches. They were joined in front in the upper epigastrium and near the xiphi sternum as seen in annexed photograph. The common cord as shown by the stick in the photo entered the epigastric connection.



The babies were born on the 1st of November 1938 and were admitted to surgical section of the Prince of Wales Hospital on the afternoon of 8th November. The babies seemed exhausted and one of them often used to get cynosed. The Surgeon, Dr. Khan Bahadur Ahmed Bux took keen interest in the case and arranged to keep them warm and well nourished as he wanted to take them up on the table next day but unfortunately the babies expired on 9th at 7-30 a.m. thus surviving only for 12 hours. The twins were both males.

X-Ray radiogram showed that both the babies were quite separate, Even their abdominal viscera were separate.

The Precious Mother. The following pathetic note was contributed by Miss F. Fletcher of the Dufferin Hospital, Karachi, who says "It was sent with the "precious Mother". In it, there is a lot to cause laughter, but the earnest solicitation of the son that his ailing mother should be made well again, should not be overlooked. If nurses would only think that every patient is someone's adored mother, as dear as their own mother's are to them, hospitals would be homes." Madam,

I respectfully beg to request you that she is my Mother, and as she cannot express her condition, therefore the complaints of her condition are as follows:—

First of all dryness was felt, with the result that the tongue used to be dried. Afterwards on the backward portion, it was so felt, as if needles are being pricked. The colour of the waste matters when discharged seems extremely black. A kind of burden is felt on Heart, and also palpitation is felt. There is constipation constantly and moreover there is an extreme pain in backward portion of body, as well as headache. By eating something the heart is contracted, and on account of this, no appetite is felt. Being too much coughness the taste of mouth is felt bitter. When saliva is spread upon the heart, at that time too much pain is felt. Fever attacks her at night, and there is pain on chest.

Under the above mentioned statement of her condition, I also add for your information that such a kind of disease is suffered by Mother every year, so I request you kindly to give her such medicine that she may become well again, and no sort of disease should be suffered in the ensuing time, for which I shall be very thankful to you forever.

I remain, etc.

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