

## A Large Baby.

Editor **MEDICAL REVIEW**.—As you are receiving reports of large babies, I can add two of eighteen and three-fourths pounds each to the number. I was called four miles distant in the country to see Mrs. M., the mother of several living children. I found a doctor in attendance. The child's head had been born three or four hours before my arrival. The doctor had pulled on the head with all his force. He told me he had placed his feet against the bedrail and pulled with all his might. Do you wonder he did not pull the head off? I found the left shoulder in the hollow of the sacrum, the right above and behind the pubis. With the aid of a blunt hook I brought the left arm out over the perineum. The right shoulder was yet firmly impacted behind the pubis. I rotated the child (backward) bringing the left arm in front of the pubis. This brought the right shoulder into the hollow of the sacrum. Then bringing the right arm out over the perineum delivered the baby by moderate traction, a male, net weight eighteen and three-fourths pounds. Of course the child was dead. Strange to say the mother did well. Twenty months after, I was called to the same woman, in labor. I delivered her in the same way (minus the pulling), of another male child, weighing exactly eighteen and three-fourths pounds. I think they could not have been delivered "via naturale" by any other method. There was good reason to believe these were cases of prolonged gestation. The mother claimed eleven months (calendar). I will not trespass on your space by reporting another recent case, similar to the first.

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