

dura mater was exposed, of the shape of a triangle, being above two inches across the base, and nearly or quite three inches in length. Notwithstanding the danger attendant upon so extensive an operation, and very much enhanced by the perforation of the dura mater, the man has recovered so as to be able to attend to his ordinary occupation as hostler.  
*Avon, N. Y., Feb., 1839.*

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### INSTRUMENTAL LABOR.

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JULY 2d, 1838, I was called to see Mrs. S., aged 32, with her first child. Between 6 and 7 o'clock, A. M., the child's head had passed the superior strait, but owing to a contraction of the inferior one it became wedged and made no farther progress from that time till 5 o'clock, P. M., making eleven hours. Pains had been extraordinarily severe and powerful all the while. The patient had become exhausted and was fast sinking. Council had been sent for, but did not arrive. Part of the ladies present strenuously opposed my using the instrument, because they considered the death of the child certain, and that of the mother probable. In this dilemma, believing no time was to be lost, I was obliged to tell them there was no danger of the life of the child or mother either, unless the child was then dead, which I thought was the fact. They consented. I applied the forceps and delivered the child in a few moments; and, to my astonishment, the child was alive, and is yet hearty and well. The woman had a quick getting-up. Query— is the life of the child common in such cases? Yours, &c.

*Adams Basin, N. Y., Jan., 1839.*      GEORGE C. HOWARD, M.D.

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### ANATOMICAL CURIOSITY.

By the polite attention of the Rev. Dr. Anderson, of the Foreign Missionary Service, we have been presented with a work on elementary anatomy, published in 1838, at the Sandwich Islands, by Dr. Judd, in the native language of the islands. It is embellished, as well as illustrated, by nineteen copper-plate engravings—fac-similes of those in the Class-book of Anatomy, prepared by ourselves, from which they were copied. They were all executed by one or more of the native members of the seminary established at Lahainaluna, on the island of Maui. The title-page runs thus—“ANATOMIA. *He Palapala Ia E Hoike Ai I Ke Ano O Ko Ke KANAKA KINO.* Ua kakauia ma ka olelo Hawaii, i mea e ao ai na haumana o ke Kula Nui, ma Lahainaluna. OAHU: mea Paipalapa A na missionari, 1838.” We take it for granted that Kanaka Kino is the author's name, *Sandwiched*.