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"Mr. Tunaley narrated a case of a lady, 26 years of age, mother of two children, who, seven months after her last confinement, consulted him respecting a swelling in the right iliac region, which he pronounced to be ovarian. So strong a conviction of pregnancy existed in the minds of the patient and her friends that no mode of treatment was permitted, and, in September, 1853, Mr. Tunaley was told the patient was near her confinement. At this time, beyond the size, no symptom of pregnancy existed, and the womb was pressed firmly down by the tumour.

Numerous opinions were now sought, and one gentleman pronounced her seven and a-half months advanced in pregnancy, and, at the end of one month, reiterated this opinion. On this account no measures were even yet permitted. On the 4th inst., Mr. Tunaley was summoned to the labour, and, on examination, discovered that a foetus, some two months old, was discharged ex utero.

..... the patient was as well as usual; no difference existed in the size of the abdomen; peritonitis set in; and, on the seventh day, the patient sank. At the postmortem, an ovarian tumour, weighing forty pounds, was found.

Mt. Adams gave an analysis of the contents, which Mr. Tunaley presented to the Society, together with the preparations of the tumour and the foetus."
