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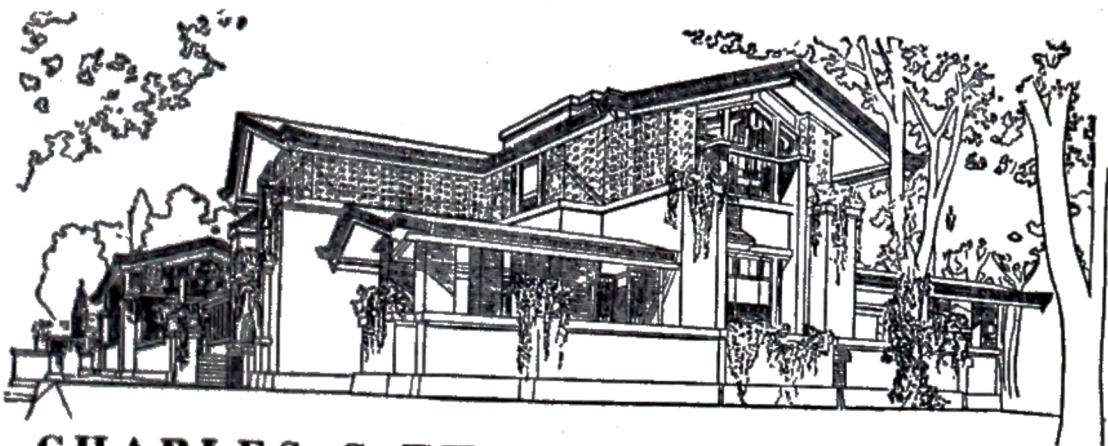
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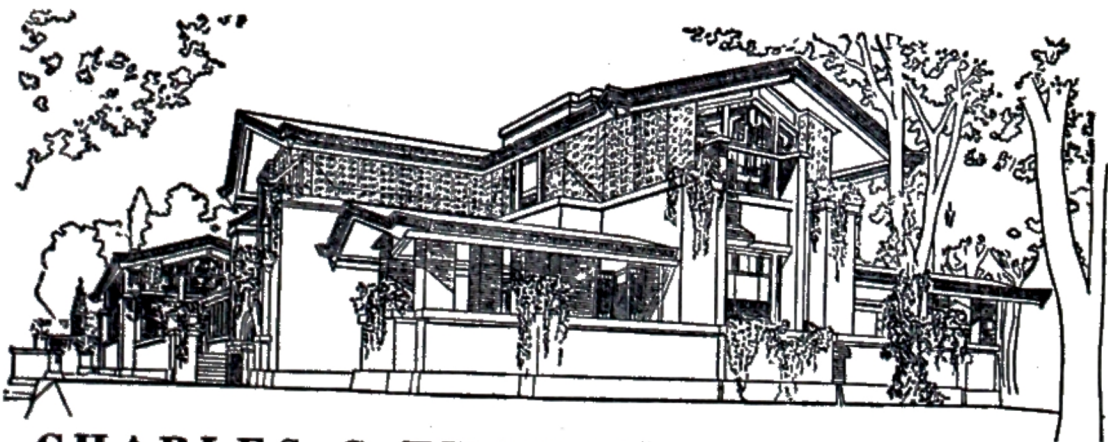
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FOREWORD

IT is our purpose, in this little publication, to present the various problems encountered in parturition. It is hoped that, by thus describing these variants and abnormalities in compact form, this little volume may serve as ready reference when trouble arises. For the common disturbances we shall analyze our own experiences as well as reflect the opinions and conclusions of students of these problems. For the rare complications we must rely, perforce, on the collected experience of others.

We have, for several years, wanted to present something of this sort but have felt we could not effectively do it until we had the background presented in *Normal Labor*.¹ Now that we have the normal base for comparison we shall try to see how each abnormality differs from the normal, both qualitatively and quantitatively, and deduce a sound rationale for its management.

Since etiology remains obscure in many situations, and since certain abnormalities do not lend themselves to accurate quantitation, we must adopt methods proven safe by experience, and proceed cautiously on an empiric basis. Fortunately empiricism is no longer so prominent in our present day therapy.



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