

her usual quantity ; her bowels have been much constipated of late. For over three weeks she has not felt the motion of the child.

She has been thirteen times pregnant (including the present) seven coming to maturity, and five abortions occurring before the fourteenth week—severe hemorrhage attending the second and seventh—that is taking them in the order of gestation. She attributed her present condition to anxiety of mind, occasioned by domestic calamity, and altered circumstances, which, I have no doubt, played a most important part, tending to keep her spirits constantly depressed, she, nevertheless, exhibited much fortitude, and determination in striving to overcome the difficulties of her position. Having examined her carefully, I could not detect any motion of the foetus, nor heart sounds.

I requested her to send me a few ounces of her urine in the morning for examination. Next day, 19th, she again called, saying she was induced to pay me an early visit to inform me of what she considered a curious circumstance, that every time she had gone to the closet she imagined that she had passed a normal quantity of urine, but that since I had drawn her attention to the subject, she had used a chamber, and was only able to collect in the 24 hours, what she now handed me, 3 fluid drachms. It was of a smoky, dark, muddy colour, not transparent, contained over 40 per cent of albumen, and under the microscope, I found a quantity of blood corpuscles, and renal debris, and one or two dark casts. The quantity was insufficient to ascertain the specific gravity.

I prescribed a mixture of acetate of potash 10 grains, and 3 iv. infusion of digitalis every four hours ; 5 grains of compound colocynth pill and 2 grs. of extract of hyoscyamus as an aperient, every eight hours if necessary. Also to have a lamp bath for 20 minutes : directing also that should she at any time feel further indisposed I should be immediately sent for.