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In the December number of the "Annals of Gynaecology" there is an interesting article by Dr. Frank Higgins on the treatment of infections after abortions and confinements, as carried out at the Boston City Hospital. We find the symptoms are practically the same in both classes of cases. The majority of abortions were criminal ones, these alone necessitating a stay in hospital of 1,469 days for 81 cases, and five of them died. He thinks it time that laws should be made stringent enough to put a stop to the work of the abortionist. He is a strong advocate of the curette and antiseptic douching. "It is a common occurrence," he says, "to see patients enter the hospital with all the symptoms of an impending acute septicaemia from an abortion either complete or incomplete, with a high temperature ranging from 103 to 105 degrees, and a pulse from 120 to 130 per minute, with foul discharge and uterine tenderness, and after complete emptying of the uterus with the curette and antiseptic douching, the pulse and temperature rapidly fall to normal, often within twenty-four hours and usually within two or three days.

"I can heartily endorse this statement, as I am frequently called by friends in general practice to perform