Second, the gentle flushing of the uterine cavity with the alkaline solution  $(110^{\circ})$ , the reservoir containing the fluid being not more than two feet above the level of the hips.

If the flushing could be continuously administered for a few hours (say two or three), the conditions would be more speedily reduced to normal, but the discomfort of the position of the patient (on a douche pan), prevents this, and a flushing once every two hours with one quart of solution is about the limit of treatment.

For flushing the uterus, I use a small dilating uterine douche, and as there is plenty of room for the escape of fluid and fragments, there is no danger of fallopian colic or salpingitis.

The first flushing is frequently followed by contractile pains and expulsion of any previously adherent pieces, together with much of the mucus.

A tablet of Ext. Cannabis Indica, gr. <sup>4</sup>.

" Ext. Ergotin, " gr. ½. every hour till desired effect is produced will contract uterus and alleviate pain.

The bowels should be moved freely, both by enema and catharsis.

During the interval between douches, the patient should be kept on her back with the hips sufficiently raised to permit the retention in the vagina of as much of the alkaline solution as it will hold.

The rapidity with which this treatment will reduce temperature, relieve pain, stop vomiting and remove offensive odor is marvellous to one who has not tried it. Sometimes two flushings are sufficient to cleanse the uterus thoroughly, vaginal douches being all that are needed subsequently to complete the work.

Uterine congestion is speedily relieved, and the uterine discharge changes from brown, thick, bad smelling mucus to a thin transparent one, accompanied or followed by more or less of a flow of blood.