

4. Ovulation and menstruation may occur independently of each other.

5. Among vigorous women during the period immediately following confinement, the uterine mucous membrane may undergo a rapid regeneration which renders possible the implantation of a fecundated ovule immediately after delivery.—*Gaz. méd de Liège*, June 22, 1893.

**Albuminuria after Labour.**—Aufrecht (*Centralbl. f. klin. Med.*, No. 22, 1893) examined the urine in thirty-two patients, in good health, and without gonorrhœa, before labour, immediately afterwards, and again twenty-four hours later. The catheter was always made use of, and precautions as to cleanliness employed, the result being that no albumen was found before or twenty-four hours after labour, but eighteen of the above patients showed albumen, varying in quantities from 0.002 to 0.0005 per cent. in the urine drawn off immediately after parturition. Boiling, nitric acid, and Erbach's quantitative test were applied to each specimen, and microscopically the albuminous urine contained epithelial cells, and in one case

blood corpuscles, but never casts. The labours were all normal, and the puerperal period gave no trouble. The author considers that the violent expiratory efforts cause a temporary venous obstruction and consequent albuminuria. From these observations, he draws the following practical conclusions: (1) As regards labour, the urine should be examined immediately beforehand; if albumen be present, labour should not be allowed to continue too long, in view of the probable increase of albumen; should eclampsia occur, its cause may lie in the state of the urine, and parturition, if practicable, should be accelerated. (2) As regards the pathology of the kidney, it is shown that albumen may exist without casts; there are therefore probably an accompaniment of a congested kidney and a product of inflamed epithelial cells.—*British Medical Journal*.

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**Amenorrhœa and Corpulence.**—Lomer (*Centralbl. f. Gynak.*, No. 27, 1893) described before the Hamburg Obstetrical Society a case of

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