

Dr. Bigelow, now of Boston, or Dr. Ed. Jenks, of Detroit, nearly thirty years ago, and first placed upon the market by Parke, Davis & Company.

Ever since reading an article on this subject by Dr. Jenks, some twenty-two years ago, it has been an essential component of my armamentarium against habitual miscarriage and suitable cases of dysmenorrhœa where local treatment was denied.

I do not question the efficacy of potassæ chlor. in these cases. I believe in its possibilities for good, but during the first seven or eight years of practice I failed to become satisfied as to its virtue in these cases, and incline to the belief that its sphere of usefulness must be very limited.

I do not think it a fair test of the value of anything to try it when separation of the ovum has taken place, and abortion fairly begun, because if hæmorrhage occurs in any degree, it cannot be estimated just how much detachment has taken place, but if these gentlemen will take cases that have habitually miscarried, from three to ten or twelve times, and administer thirty minims of fl. ext. vibur. prun. three times a day for a few weeks, commencing a little previous to the anticipated period of miscarrying, then every alternate week almost throughout the period of gestation, they will be pleased with the result. So also their patient, and it will no doubt increase their faith and change their verdict.

I remember well the first test I gave it, and it surely was a severe one. The lady was about forty-five years of age, had three children grown up, and during the interval had ten abortions about the third month of gestation. At the next pregnancy she was anxious to fall in with any suggestion to obtain a living child. I gave her Viburnum, and she carried the child to full term, healthy and vigorous above the average. I was not able again to test it with this patient, as being near the menopause, she did not again become pregnant. I mention the facts, you can draw your own conclusions.

I remember another well-marked case of a young married lady who had not yet carried a child to full period. She had five successive abortions, and through the influence of her husband's family, applied to me for assistance. I treated her as suggested above, with the result that I was called to attend her at full time. Unfortunately, it was a breech presentation, and I found the child so well developed that I could not remove it expeditiously enough to prevent undue pressure on the cord and a still-birth was the consequence.

I will leave you to imagine my disappointment, but still, Viburnum kept up its reputation much better than the obstetrician. Before the