

Artificial delivery might be theoretically indicated in very severe cases, but, as death, convulsions, etc., have not thus far been recorded as accidents in this disease, one should think twice before deciding on this step.

Golden Rules of Obstetric Practice.

When abortion is inevitable, plug the vagina with strips of gauze or some clean, soft material, and wait six or eight hours. You will often find the ovum in the vagina on removing the gauze. If not, plug again and wait.

If any part of the ovum or decidua remains in the uterus, clean it out at once with the finger or curette, not hesitating to give an anesthetic if any difficulty is met with.

If there is a rise in pulse rate and temperature, and the vaginal secretion is foul, give an anesthetic, dilate the cervix, empty the uterus, scrape it clean, no matter what stage the process of abortion has reached.

In other words, use artificial dilatation, followed by emptying and cleaning out the uterus in threatened, incomplete and complete abortion alike, whenever the uterine cavity becomes the source of septic intoxication. FOTHERGILL.

A Mixture for Preventing Abortion.

Bossi, of Genoa, recommends the following mixture:

R. Fluid extract of hydrastis,	} each, 10 parts;
Fluid extract of hamamelis,	
Fluid extract of viburnum prunifolium,	
Tincture of piscidia,	
Laudanum.....	
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M. S.: Ninety drops, in half a glass of water, three times a day.—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*

"Tired Ovaries and a Hungry Womb."

We learn from the *British Medical Journal* for June 17th that the midwives of Manchester and the region round that city have formed a society and issued a volume of *Transactions*. From this volume our contemporary gives several specimens. In one of them, from a paper entitled *Malthusianism, or Tired Ovaries*, the author states that the forty-year-old virgin is rarely healthy, and the same is true of the married woman who resolves to have no more than one or two children—they are both afflicted with "tired ovaries," from constant ovulation and "a hungry womb."—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*