

some over exertion, a fright, fall, or the like, yet the tendency existed, and the event at most was only hastened."

There is much truth doubtless in this assertion, for many women possessing this temperament, suffer repeated abortions, under other circumstances the most favorable, and where every possible precaution is taken to prevent such unhappy results. And in those cases where the offspring, have vitality enough to survive.

But to return to the prognosis of the cure in question. Such severe disorganizations had taken place that the patient had passed the curable stage. Then came the *anxious* inquiries was she in an improveable condition? Her lifeless skin, bloodless lip, flaccid muscles, and feeble pulse, told at once scarce enough remained to keep life's wheels in motion. Beside this, the effluvia from the discharge was becoming so foetid, as to render it almost intolerable to the patient and those about her.

With the hope that the hemorrhage might be checked, and the fetor corrected, treatment was commenced. By means of speculum and sponge, the diseased organ was thoroughly cleansed with soap suds. The dead portions and fungous growths were cauterised with the solid nitrate of silver, and sloughed off. The entire surface was daily brushed over with a solution of nitrate, 60 gr. to the ounce. By the use of chloride of soda, the effluvia was overcome. A general bath at 70° was given the patient every morning; and three or four hip baths of 80° five minutes duration were taken during each day. Both the fountain and vaginal douch were used several times per day.

There being much heat about the back and abdomen, the wet girdle was worn night and day, never allowing it to remain till dry, but changing it often as it became too warm.

Whenever flooding commenced, pounded ice, or cloths wet in ice water were applied over the uterine region, changed often as the urgency of the symptoms, and heat of the patient demanded. Large vaginal enemata of ice water were used, and bits of ice were also introduced. Care being always taken to keep the extremities warm, and never to allow the general circulation to become chilled.

After some weeks the wet sheet packing for fifteen minutes, followed by the cold plunge, was used with decided benefit. Also cold pouring over the back and loins. The patient took no meat, and abstained from all hot and stimulating food or drink.