

much malevolence to the
evil design in general—the
malignant heart, as Foster
the male chose—which may
. It may be taken for a
is malicious, and *should*
by the command or per-
unt of accident or of self-
coucheur risks the life of
But without these circum-
lation, the earnest and oft
bothered with any more
court of justice, still less
a faculty may still exist
to some standard of right
law by which the slayer of
severer manner than any
scourged, the delinquent
a live dog, a cock, a viper
olon the wise, in his laws,
nonding it impossible, as
ity of so unnatural a bar-

out the law on this ques-
yed that the death of the
y of the fiend who accom-
vantly permits, or pro-
s, a violent interference
t as society *advanced* (?)
c. 58, and 9 Geo. IV., c.
nister a destructive thing
uick with child should be
be proved to have been
ith transportation. But
and 1 Vict., c. 85, s. 6,
tent to procure the mis-
y administer to her, or
other noxious thing, or
other means whatsoever,
lony and liable to tran-
years, or to be impri-
ears."

What says *science*? Apart altogether from those numerous ailments and diseases which follow in the train of such violations of the laws of God and of nature, and which a volume would be insufficient to delineate and 'pourtray, I shall merely observe that there is a peculiar condition of the os uteri brought about which is often the cause of subsequent miscarriages. The neck of the uterus, as Depaul observes, is a sort of sphincter muscle; and in many women this is in a lax condition, predisposing readily to abortion. With it there is indeed "a special irritability of the uterus, exciting it to relieve itself of its contents." How frequently do we not notice this condition in meddling females who, in the early months of married life, abhorring maternity, prevent it! yet who, at a later period, would sacrifice every thing short of life itself to regain the health they had wantonly sacrificed, and some at least of the lives they had so mercilessly brought to nought.

The indurated or hyperplastic condition induced by this wicked practice, indisposes the uterus to expand and yield before the growth of the fœtus at a subsequent gestation. The uterus, on account of that induced congestion or hyperplasia, is, moreover, prone to assume an abnormal position, and to add thereby another element of discomfort to the mother, and of danger to the safe progress of future gestation. When, as it often happens, future gestations are denied, the sufferings are not less severe. Who, amongst us, cannot recall the haggard, anxious expression, the hollow cheek, the sunken eye, the pallid, sickly countenance, the uncertain gait, the pain in forehead, side, back and limbs, and that indescribable sensation of fullness, yet of emptiness, that feeling of dragging, or of gnawing in the hypogastrium, which attends the wakeful moments, and disturbs and hinders rest, and which is as

The pang where more than madness lies,
The worm that will not sleep, and never dies.
Thought of the gloomy day and ghastly night
That dreads the darkness, and yet loathes the light;
That winds around, and tears the quivering heart!
Ah, wherefore not consume it, and depart!

But to come back again from Byronianism to plain prose, can I exaggerate the misery and distress which follow in the wake of the unhappy misguided deflowerer of her own womanhood, who so completely divorces herself from all freedom from sickness or suffering for the future.