

*One Witness.*

*Question.* You have heard the evidence in this case?

*Answer.* A portion of it.

*Ques.* What in your opinion was the cause of death?

*Ans.* Apoplexy.

*Ques.* Why do you say apoplexy?

*Ans.* Because the woman was unconscious—unconsciousness is a sign of apoplexy—therefore 'twas apoplexy.

(The medical man who saw deceased during her lifetime was placed in the box, and swore that she was perfectly sensible,)

*Ques.* What is your opinion now?

*Ans.* Apoplexy.

*Ques.* What! notwithstanding consciousness, still say apoplexy?

*Ans.* There was frothing at the mouth. Frothing at the mouth with other symptoms is a sign of apoplexy, therefore 'twas apoplexy.

*Ques.* Would you, had you been at her bed-side an hour before death, have recognized apoplexy, had it existed?

*Ans.* Certainly. But still thought that death was caused by apoplexy.

Surely the air of the Court House, and the presence of so many limbs of the law, must have had a singular effect upon my friend Dr. Hall, in leading him to advocate a theory, even after the facts upon which he had predicated his hypothesis, were found (and admitted) to be erroneous.

*Another witness.*

*Ques.* Do you consider yourself competent to give an opinion as to the cause of death of deceased?

*Ans.* I do. (emphatically.)

*Ques.* To what would you attribute death?

*Ans.* To apoplexy. (very emphatically.)

*Ques.* But would not the violence she received at the hands of her husband have caused apoplexy?

*Ans.* Cannot say that it would. (more emphatically.)

*Ques.* Would that violence have done her any harm?

*Ans.* She was accustomed to being pounded. And accustomed as she was I do not think it would have done her any harm. (more emphatically.)

*Ques.* But she was pregnant.

*Ans.* That makes no difference. (still more emphatically.)

*Ques.* Would it have done her any good?

*Ans.* No, I can't say it would have done her much good. (somewhat less emphatically.)

The medical reader will perceive that there are more things between heaven and earth than are even dreamt of in philosophy. As a child of the soil I should be proud to see any great truth first promulgated in Canada, and as Dr. Craik, (whose abilities no one will question,) has announced the startling fact, (fact it must be, since it was sworn to) that persons receiving frequent beatings are uninjured by them, I should suggest to him, temporarily to martyrize himself to