

3. Be on your guard if the hemorrhage is slight.
4. If the circulation becomes embarrassed (dyspnœa, irregular cardiac action, etc.), push the strophanthus and dry cup over the cardiac region ; if that fails, try venesection.
5. Even if the patient seems to be as well as possible, keep her under strict and constant observation the whole of the first day.

According to Dr. Hart, the retro-placental blood-clot and the gush of blood which so often comes in multiparæ when the placenta is separating, are to be regarded as salutary rather than otherwise. He says that thereby a mechanical reduction is effected in the bulk of blood, which, if returned to the systemic circulation, might embarrass the heart's action even in a healthy woman. He thinks that the retro-placental clot has nothing whatever to do with the separation of the placenta.

*Fatal Poisoning after Intra-uterine Sublimate Douching.*—Steffeck, of Hofmeier's clinic at Giessen (*Centralblatt f. Gyn.*), reports a fatal case of mercurial poisoning after two intra-uterine injections of a weak sublimate solution (1 to 5000). The patient, a multipara, aborted at the fifth month, and a macerated foetus came away. After the placenta had been retained for twenty-four hours, the patient was etherized and an intra-uterine sublimate douche (one quart of 1 to 5000) administered ; the placenta was then separated and removed, a second quart of hot solution injected, and a dose of ergotine given. One hour after the removal of the placenta symptoms of mercurial enteritis appeared, followed by stomatitis, acute nephritis, and death in seven days. The post-mortem appearances were typical of mercurial poisoning. The poison must have entered the circulation directly through the denuded placental site. Since that case, intra-uterine sublimate injections have been given up at Giessen. Douching (intra-uterine and vaginal), curetting, brushing, and all other operative treatments of the recently emptied uterus are attended with more or less risk ; such measures should not be employed rashly, heedlessly, or as a matter of routine, but only when the indications are distinct and definite. When an intra-uterine douche is needed, the operator should see that the