

writer puts it) "some simple-minded girl who, passively yielding to persistent and oftentimes merciless and unfair temptation, fulfils, under pathetic circumstances, the beautiful and wonderful law of her being—the imperious law of nature, which at times she may be almost powerless to resist, unless protected from temptation."

We may infer that a child has lived before and after its birth:—1st, when the diaphragm reaches only to the fifth intercostal space; 2nd, when the lungs, more or less, fill the thorax; 3rd, when the ground color of the lungs is broken by insular marblings; 4th, when the lungs are found to be able to float in water; 5th, when a bloody froth exudes from the cut surface of the lungs on pressure; 6th, when the air cells are visible to the naked eye; 7th, the existence of milk, sugar, starch, or medicine in the stomach, determined by appropriate chemical tests, and by the presence of fecal matter, other than meconium in the lower intestines, shows that the child has lived.

ask, what proof against all these combined can a witness advance that the child was not viable? He may challenge the hydrostatic test, that the lungs floated, through the agency of gas, from putrefaction only.

Yours, etc.,

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