

A reduction in the frequency of the flushings is desirable as soon as a tendency to return to normal conditions begins to be observed, as it frequently will within twenty-four hours. Then simple vaginal douches every three hours with an occasional uterine flushing if symptoms indicate it.

The action of exosmosis (and endosmosis, for there is every reason to believe in the absorption of some of the fluid) is what is desired to relieve the existing congestion, as in bronchitis, pneumonia, congestion of kidney, congestion of any mucous membrane, etc., and is the most rational means of restoring to normal condition.

I do not wish to be understood as decrying the use of that most valuable instrument, the curette, but only the abuse of it, to wit: its employment under such conditions as make it practically a sharp weapon loaded with septic matter, dangerous beyond the poisoned arrow of the Malay, or the fang of cobra, and utterly opposed to our modern ideas of antiseptis.

PROCEDURE IN POST-MORTEM MEDICO-LEGAL EXAMINATIONS.

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CASE 7.

This case is published for the purpose of bringing forward several points in the cases of presumed infanticide and to draw attention to the law on the subject, and further, to demonstrate some ill-defined or imperfectly understood conditions which a medical jurist may have to determine or elucidate, and probably lead by such methods to some clearance of the difficulties he may have to contend with. It may be stated that the inquiry was as to the death of an illegitimate child born in secrecy, the mother being alone and seated on the water closet at the time of