

from the contact of urinary and fæcal discharges. The child must be kept dry as well as clean, or the parts will soon become excoriated. I have already told you when to apply the child to the breast. The first milk is slightly laxative, and assists in the evacuation of the meconium. This will cease in about ten days, when the evacuations become feculent. During the first washing of the child always examine it for any infirmity, caused by want of development, spina bifida, cleft palate, and imperforate anus. Imperforate anus must be attended to at once to save the child's life. With regard to the bathing of the child after the first few days, you had better be governed by the strength and vitality of the child. Delicate infants will not stand two baths in the day. As a general rule one is enough, and 4 to 5 minutes is sufficiently long, during the first few weeks. I have already spoken to you about the regularity of nursing, and the better trained the infant is when you leave, the more your services will be appreciated by the patient.