

matter; and the os tincae, scarcely discernable. With the aid of a sponge, soap and water, I with some difficulty rendered the os visible: it was very small, and surrounded with ulcers, varying from the size of a pigeon-shot to that of a pea; some deep, others mere abrasions of the mucous surface. After two or three attempts, I succeeded in introducing a bougie about No. 4; this caused little or no pain, and on its withdrawal was followed by a slight sanguineous oozing. Having pretty freely applied the argent. nitrat. to the ulcers, and also the lips of the os tincae, I left her an astringent wash for the vagina, some purgative medicine, and strictly enjoined her to live "*absque marito*," the necessity of which was fully explained by me to her husband. On my next visit, two days after, she complained that the leucorrhœal discharge was increased. This action of the nitrate, I have generally found; and it is also remarked by Bennett, Tilt, and other obstetric writers, to have this effect; in other respects she was much better; the tenderness on sitting down, gone entirely, micturition very much easier, and the bowels having been freely evacuated, she felt some desire for food. The insertion of the speculum was attended with some difficulty and pain, caused by the astringent injections. It revealed the os much more patent, indeed so much so, that a No. 6 bouge, (besmeared with an ointment composed of Argent. Nit., Ext. Belladonnæ, and adeps) passed readily. This produced much smarting, which very soon subsided. Ordered her to continue the medicines, and keep as quiet as possible. The catamenia appeared the following day, being five days in advance of its right time, and quite free from pain; this frightened her, as she thought it was uterine hæmorrhage, and sent off for me in a hurry. Her fears were soon allayed, and she was not again visited by me until the fifth day, when, on finding the discharge scarcely subsided, the introduction of the speculum was delayed until the day following, when it exhibited a very satisfactory prognosis: the ulcers were nearly all healed, and the os so patent, that a No. 8 passed easily, besmeared as before, but without any inconvenience. This plan of treatment was followed up for ten days, when all abnormal appearances had disappeared, the discharge ceased, and in fact she was in a convalescent state. I should here state, that in conjunction with the manual treatment, tonics and alkalies, as the liquor potassæ, had been administered. Under all circumstances, it was considered advisable to enjoin strictly marital abstinence, and I promised to visit her again about four days before her next catamenial epoch; and in the interim advised her to go into the country, which would afford me more certainty of keeping the uterus in a quiescent state. On her return to home, two days before she expected her courses, I introduced the speculum, and found the cervix completely engorged, of a florid and mottled appearance, not tender to the touch, but accompanied by a severe bearing down pain. Not having any