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ABORTION.

SYMPTOMS. Pain in the back, loins, and lower part of the belly; shiverings; a flux of blood from the womb; nausea, anxiety, palpitation of the heart, syncope, an opening and moisture of the os tincae. Most commonly happens between the second and fourth months of pregnancy, though it may occur later. It may be occasioned by frights, falls, strong emetics or cathartics, or by any violent commotion of body or mind.

TREATMENT. Bleeding is necessary if the pulse will bear it. The medicines should be of the tonic and sedative kind, as tinct. rosar. or decoct. cort. with tinct. theb. The body should be kept lax with clysters, or otherwise; the diet light broths, and the like; and the patient should be kept very still and quiet in bed.

If, nevertheless, abortion follow, discontinue the corroborants, and give spermaceti medicines with tinct. theb. &c. as after child-birth.

MISCARRIAGE.

See Abortion.