

ABORTION—COULD IT BE AVOIDED ?

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In the month of December 1929, I was called in to treat a lady aged about 18 years, who was then bleeding from uterus since 4 or 5 days. The quantity of blood was small and it used to flow out at paroxysms on any kind of slightest motion or exertion. There was pain in the uterine region which was of colicky nature. On enquiring into the case further, I was informed by her husband that she had missed two of her monthly periods and could not tolerate any kind of food owing to nausea. A year ago she once more conceived but unfortunately abortion took place at the 3rd month. She was healthy all along but pain during menstruation was present invariably. On questioning the husband as to whether he had Gonorrhœa or not,—the answer was in the negative.

Diagnosing the case as one of threatened abortion, I hastened to prescribe Sabina 200th and was not certain whether Sabina could check abortion at such a late stage. I repeated the medicine thrice until a slight improvement began and then stopped the medicine on the 2nd day. The pain and the discharges were less but not altogether gone. On the third day they consulted another Doctor in my absence who prescribed Ignatia 30th and then 200th on the supposition that there pre-existed a history of mental agony and the patient was believed to be a hysteric one. Abortion took place on the 2nd day after taking Ignatia.

After this I went at that place to see another patient and was very sorry to hear of the accident. Out of inquisitiveness, I examined the contents and found that something still was left behind and there was still bleeding and pain. On being asked again to take care of the lady, I found that the Sacrum-Pubic pain was present and I prescribed again Sabina 200th with the result that the residue was out within a few hours of its administration. Now as a routine remedy Arnica 200th was ordered for the bad effects of injury. After a day

hence the patient complained of extreme pain in the lower abdomen so much so that even bed sheet would hurt her intensely. I could do neither head or tail out of the case, as she became very much annoyed and would not tell anything else. She further remarked in my very presence "These sorts of Doctors cannot cure such complaints at all and let them go to hell". The husband became very much aroused and was about to abuse his wife for this insulting tone when I soothed him and asked about her behaviours towards the other members of the family. He said that she always thought herself to be much clever and ignores them all through. On finding the clue of the case I besought the lady to tell about the nature of the pain. She told after much interpretation,—“It comes by and by, gives much trouble when I cannot even breathe freely on account of pain and then it goes gradually”. Now the remedy was at my fingers' end and with the administration of a single dose of Platinum 200th she was all right.

I have requested the husband to kindly inform me when his wife again be pregnant in order to see whether this kind of abortion at the 3rd month could any how be avoided. As I have no experience in this line, my earnest solicitation to the medical fraternity to kindly suggest as to how to conduct a like case and what is the best time for the commencement of treatment in these cases.

Another question comes up could Sabina save the holy life ?

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