

foeble strength, begins to get strong, and move with vigour; and at the eighth revolution the foetus, uniting its efforts with those of the matrix, facilitates its exclusion, and it may come into the world in the seventh month, and be capable of living, especially if it happens, as is sometimes the case, to have more than ordinary strength for that period. But if it comes into the world only through the weakness of the matrix, which could not resist the action of the blood in this eighth revolution, the delivery would be regarded as a miscarriage, and the child would not live. But these cases are very rare, for if the foetus has resisted the seven first revolutions, only particular accidents can prevent it from resisting the eighth. The foetus, which has acquired this same degree of strength and vigour only a little later, will come into the world at the ninth revolution; and those which require nine months to obtain this same strength, will come at the tenth revolution, which is the most common and general term; but when the foetus has not acquired in nine months this degree of perfection, it may remain in the womb till the eleventh, and even till the twelfth revolution; that is, till the tenth or eleventh month, as we have many examples.