

pende on a quite different cause. The flowing of the menstua is periodical, and at determined intervals; and although conception suppresses its appearance, it does not destroy the cause; for notwithstanding the blood does not appear at the accustomed times, yet a kind of revolution takes place, like that which is made before conception. Thus it is, there are many women whose menstua are not suppressed in the first two or three months. I imagine, therefore, that when a woman has conceived, the periodical revolution is made as regular as before; but as the matrix is swelled, the excretory canals cannot give issue to the blood, at least unless it arrives there with such force, and in such quantities, as to open a passage in spite of the resistance that is opposed to it. In this case blood will appear, and if it flows in a great quantity abortion will ensue, and the matrix take the form it had before. But if the blood only forces one part of these canals, the business of generation will not be destroyed, although the blood appears, because the greatest part of the matrix still remains in the state which is necessary for that purpose.

When no blood appears, as is generally the case, the first periodical revolution is remarkable