

left her in bed, and by threats of immediate death compelled her to gratify his desires. This fact proves that the conception of two or more children does not always happen at one time, and gives great weight to my opinion, that the semen penetrates through the texture of the matrix.

Many other equivocal symptoms of pregnancy are said to distinguish it in the first months ; as a slight pain in the region of the matrix and loins ; a numbness over the whole body ; a continual drowsiness ; a melancholy and capricious disposition ; the tooth-ach, head-ach, and vertigo ; yellow eyes, with the pupils contracted, and lids oppressed ; paleness of countenance, with spots upon it ; a depraved appetite, with loathing, vomiting, and spitting ; hysteric symptoms ; the fluor albus ; stoppage of the menstrual discharge, or instead of it hæmorrhage ; the secretion of milk in the breasts, &c. Many other symptoms might be adduced, which are supposed to be the signs of pregnancy, but which are frequently nothing more than the effects of particular maladies.

Of these we shall leave the discussion to physicians. Were we to consider each of them in parti-