

As making but one passage.

Zacutus Lusitanus reports, That a certain midwife carried a long knife secretly in her sleeve, with which shee cut the womb, or fundament, whilest that the woman was in great paine. Flouding followed her wicked practice, As, if any recovered after her cruelty, they lived miserably all the rest of their dayes, euer hauing their excrements comming per vulvam. For these her euil deeds shee was banished by the Magistrates de praxi medic. admirand. lib. 3. obs. 141.

A good woman dwelling at Princeliffe nigh Sheffield, through a difficult labour, fell into the hands of an ignorant woman. Shee cut the child into severall pieces in her body. By this midwife's knife, As the child's bones, & woman's body was hurt in the extraction of the severall parts of the child's body. And, through the raising of the neck of the womb, it became ulcerated.

Some severall yeares after I was sent for, As, after mee, severall others, By our applications her paines were mitigated, but none of us could cure her. At last, of this affliction shee died, ulcerated in her body.

A good Gentlewoman, big with child, desirous of my acquaintance, As to have my counsell, came of purpose to mee, to Darby, As, after some conference, returned to her house in Staffordshire.

At the time of her travaile, the child profferd an arme, This unnaturall birth dismayd the mother, As troubled the midwife. My company, & assistancel was wished for. And man & horse were provided to have fetched mee.

But this resolution was unfortunate

Mrs
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