

knife secretly in her sleeve, with which shee cut the womb, or fundament, whilst that the woman was in great paine. Flouding followed her wicked practice, and, if any recovered after her cruelty, they lived miserably all the rest of their dayes, ever having their excrements comming per vulvam. For these her evil deeds shee was banished by the Magistrates. *De praxi medic. admirand., lib. 3. obs. 141.*

A good woman dwelling at Brincliffe, 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, and the child's bones, the 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, and, 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, and to have my counsell, came of purpose to mee to Darby, and, after some conference, returned to her house in Staffordshire.

At the time of her travaile, the child proffer'd an arme. This unnaturall birth dismai'd the mother, and troubled the midwife. My company and assistance were wished for. And man and horse were provided to have fetched mee. But this resolution was unfortunately altered, and shee was perswaded to put herself under the hands of a wicked woman, that took upon her to free her of the child.

This woman first cut off the child's arme. Afterward, shee divided the child into severall parts, to pull it forth by pieces. Her knife,

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