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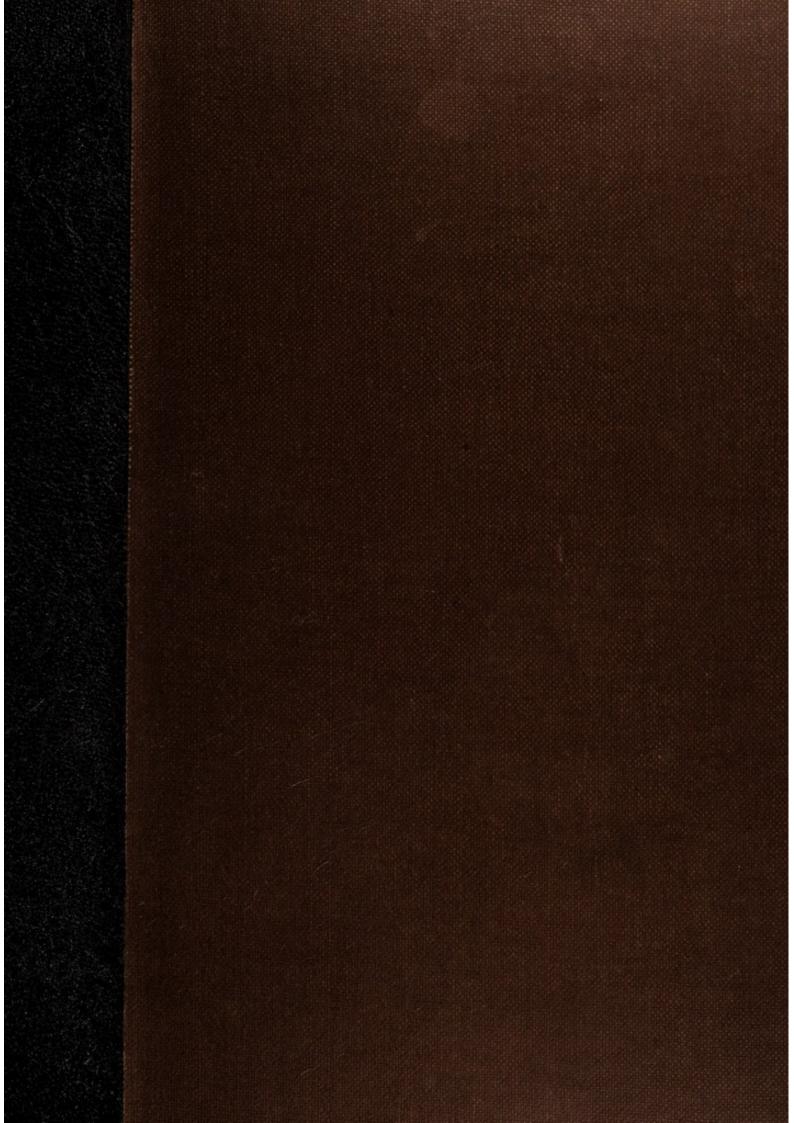
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## ABSTRACT

OF

# MIDWIFRY,

For the USE of the

# Lying-in Infirmary:

#### WHICH

With due Explanations by Anatomical Preparations, &c. the repeated Performances of all Kinds of Deliveries, on our great Machine, with the Ocular Demonstration of the Reason and Justness of the Rules to be observed in all genuine and true Labours, in the Lying-in Insirmary, on our Glass Machine, makes a complete Method of teaching Midwifry; by giving the Pupils the most exact Knowledge of the Art, and perfectly forming their Hands, at the same time, for the safe and ready Practice of Midwifry.

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# PREFACE.

HE Particular of a Child's Passage into the World, is the proper Business of Midwifry; and the real Boundary of that Practice and Knowledge.

The præternatural Bulk or Shape of a Child, the wrong Position of the Womb, or of the Child in it; the ill Make of the Os Sacrum, or some other of the Bones of the Pelwis; and the false Pains which often mix with true Labour Pains, prove a great Obstacle to the Child's being brought with Ease into the World; which shews, there is more Knowledge necessary for this Business, than any one would believe, who had not applied themselves to it; and that a Woman is not delivered by Chance, or by boldly running a Hazard, as some ignorantly pretend; but that the Art of Midwifry depends on a sirm Foundation, tho' subject to Accidents, as all other Arts are.

Now, the previous Knowledge, towards the Practice of Midwifry, will take up some Time, and require some Pains; and more still to make a Proficient; for as Midwifry is the Work of the Hands, it requires repeated Practice

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being so ready in acting, as our Minds are in perceiving: Nevertheless, those who imagine, it is sufficient to grow wise by Practice only, without the previous Knowledge of Things, will be much deceived; for he, who is ignorant of what is to be done, will be at a great Loss how to produce the Effect; much less will he know the Method of doing it well; all which plainly shews how necessary it is that Theory should precede Practice.

As Theory ought always to go before Practice; to the end that we may proceed methodically, we shall begin with the general Description and Knowledge of the Parts of Women, which concern Midwifry, their Situation and Use : We shall then proceed to the general and special Knowledge of Touching or Handling of Women; and the Knowledge we obtain by the right Manner of Touching or Handling Women with Child, with regard to the Practice of Midwifry, is a Matter of the utmost Consequence, and is indeed a fundamental Part of Knowledge in Midwifry, because it enables us to foresee Events, and prevent ill Ones: It behoves us, therefore, to be perfect Masters of the right Manner of Handling, and of its Use: All Midwives, indeed, pretend to Touch; but to very little good Purpose, unless they have been well instructed in the previous Knowledge of the Anatomy of the Pelvis and Parts contained therein, and the various Alterations of the Parts, after Women are with Child.

Even Anatomists and Surgeons, tho' well skill'd in every Part of the Human Body, may not, perhaps, have so duly consider'd

confider'd the Parts which concern Midwifry, and how they may alter in Time of Gestation, and the various Forms of the Pelvis and Parts contained within, with regard to the Practice of Midwifry, as not to want some Direction: In order, therefore, to be able properly to Touch, or Handle a Woman with Child and in Labour, we must have, I say, an exact and accurate Knowledge of the natural and præternatural Forms of the Pelvis, what Parts are naturally fituated in the Pelvis, and how they may change their Situations and Forms: For 'tis the Knowledge we gain by the right Touching or Handling of Women in Labour, that must direct us in all our Behaviour, with regard to the Delivery, for the Relief both of Mother and Infant; and indeed this Knowledge of Touching is so necessary, and of so great Importance and Use, that we really cannot be able certainly to give the least proper Directions, that may be of Help to the Delivery, till we are fully inform'd by the Touch, how Matters are, with respect to the Pelvis, and the Parts contained therein, with their particular Appearances and Situations.

Now, after you have been perfectly instructed in the right Manner and Use of Touching, we shall then proceed to the Personnance of Deliveries of all Kinds; first, the most natural and easy; and then those which are more difficult; and lastly, to the most difficult and præternatural Deliveries that can possibly happen.

After you are thus sufficiently instructed in the previous Knowledge of Things, and Method of performing Deliveries; our great Machine will be of singular Use, in making

king you Proficients in the Business; for, as we observ'd before, Midwifry is the Work of the Hands, and requires repeated Practice to make a Person ready in that Business; so here, by our Directions, and your own careful Practice on the Machine, where every Case that can happen may be represented, and repeated as often as we see necessary; you will have the greatest Opportunity of forming your Hands for Practice, and informing your Judgment at the same Time, in the Manner and Method of operating in all genuine and true Labours; and our Glass Machine will most clearly convey and confirm our Directions and Rules, by giving you ocular Demonstration of the Reason and Justness of the Rules there laid down; and to be duly observ'd in performing of Deliveries of every Kind. When, therefore, you are thus perfectly informed and habituated to the Manner of Touching or Handling of Women, and thoroughly experienc'd, by repeated Deliveries of all Kinds on our Machine, &c. you may then be admitted to deliver in difficult Cases, under our Directions; and being so qualified, we secure our Women from all Injuries, which would happen from Pupils, attempting Deliveries, before they are duly inform'd: Now, by this Method of Instruction, join'd to your own Industry and diligent Application, and Practice in the Lying-in Infirmary, we apprehend, you will most readily attain the due Knowledge of the Art and Practice of Midwifry, and become Proficients, in a much shorter Time than by any other Method.

And here we must beg Leave to observe, and we doubt not, you will all agree with us, that considering the Circumstances of Women labouring with Child, a most decent and modest Behaviour in every one practising Midwisry, will be absolutely necessary: And also that the Women in Labour ought

ought always to be treated with all imaginable Tenderness and Humanity, in regard both to your Words and Actions: And as all Instruments used in Midwifry carry so much Horror along with them, and are for the most Part attended with fo much Mischief, we have always thought it of the utmost Consequence to substitute a more safe and tender Practice in the room of them; and, by an happy Contrivance, have effected it, so as you may be enabled, with the judicious Management of the Hand, affifted by our Invention, to answer all the Intentions of the Crotchet, TIRE, TETE, Forceps, &c. without the least Terror to the Woman, or running any Risque of injuring either Mother or Child; whom we know, and 'tis every where confessed, too often fuffer greatly by the Use of Instruments in Deliveries, even in the most judicious Hands; besides the Terror which always accompanies them: We hope, therefore, fully to convince you, by our Method, that there is so little Occasion for the present, frequent Use of Instruments, that, excepting in a Case or two, which but rarely happen, they ought entirely to be laid afide.

Dusse's Forceps, indeed, is preferable to the Crotchet, or MAURICEAU's Tire Tete; but as to the Forceps itself, those Operators who are fondest of it, don't pretend to use it, but when the HEAD is FAR ADVANC'DINTHE PASSAGE; and even then, they acknowledge, the Mother is always liable to be bruifed and much hurt, and oftentimes the Insant too: And in many Cases where the Head presents, they own, the Forceps cannot be of any Use, but may do much Mischies; as when the Pelvis is distorted, or is narrower than ordinary, or when the Head has been long in the Passage, and the circumjacent Parts are swollen; or if the Child be dead, and the Head

be not advanc'd low in the Passage: Whereas our Invention will answer in all these several Circumstances, with the greatest Safety, and much more commodiously, even where the Forceps is advised, and can best be used, and this without the least Terror, Danger, or Hurt, either to Mother or Child: We think it therefore far preferable to the Forceps, or any other bitherto known Method: Because, in all the abovementioned Cases, where the Operators allow the Forceps cannot and ought not to be used, our Invention will enable us to bring the Child into the World, without Injury either to Mother or Child, being judiciously used, as we shall plainly shew, by comparing the Use of the several abovementioned Inftruments with our Invention: All the Operators allow, that the Forceps, when properly used, to bring away a Child, whose Head is so large, that it cannot make its Way thro' the Passage, may indeed be brought away by this Instrument, if the Head be far enough advane'd; tho' by the additional Bulk of the Instrument on each Side of the Child's Head, the Vagina will most certainly be press'd very hard, and be liable to be much bruised.

So that a little Experience will soon convince you, how much more preferable our Invention is, where the Work is so readily perform'd, and none of this Hazard is run; not only in that very Case where their Forceps is allow'd to be of Use; but also in the many different and difficult Cases, which too often happen, where their Forceps, as they themselves own, cannot assist them, and for which they have not yet found out any safe Method.

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## MIDWIFRY.

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Vagina or Sheath.

Bladder.

Gut Rectum.

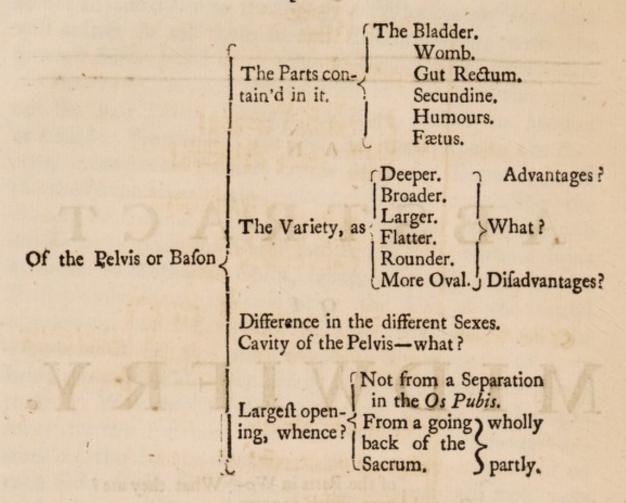
What?

Situation?

Use?

Articulation, or joining?

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## Of the Womb.

That we may give a clear and distinct Notion of the Womb we shall first treat of the Womb by itself, afterwards jointly with the Vagina, or Passage to the Womb.

Substance Shick. Composition? before being with Child? Advantages Situation after being with Child. Disadvan-Of the Womb. The Fundus after being with Child may be < Disadvantages? turned The Mouth-What? External Form-What? Joining-How? Ligaments What? Orifice, on all Sides joined to the Vagina or Sheath. Neck What?

Of the Womb.

| Dilatation | Advantages? |
| Difadvantages? |
| Contraction | What? |
| Why falfly call'd the internal Mouth of the Womb, thence |
| Confusion? |
| Of the Thickness?

## Of the Vagina or Sheath.

What?

Mouth—What?

I full of Wrinkles, and thick fet with many Folds.

—Why?

Substance easily extending Length-ways Advantages?

Breadth-ways Disadvantages?

I fmooth generally moistened with a glutinous slippery? Matter.

Contraction Dilatation Connexion What? Use?

### Of the Secundines, or After-Birth.

Substance?—Vascular, full of Veins and Arteries.

Shape?

Number?

Situation? generally adhering to the Bottom of the Womb.

Vessels, {two Arteries} twisted like a Rope.

Chorion, in which are innumerable Veffels. Situation?

Use? Connexion?

Veffels? fewer than in the Chorion.

Membranes

Use? to Scontain Waters.

Situation.

Waters.

Preferve the Chorion.

Allantois is it to be found in the human Body?

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Situation.

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Umbilical Infertion of the \{\forall \text{Vein.} \\ \text{Arteries.}

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## Of Handling a Woman.

What is Touching?

How Women ought to be touch'd?

When necessary to touch?

First, Whether a Woman be really with Child, or no?

Secondly, Whether the Time of Birth be near, or not.

Thirdly, Whether a Woman with Child be taken with true Child-bed Pains, or not.

What is to be known by the Touch?

Fourthly, Whether the Woman seiz'd with the Pains, the Birth will be easy, or difficult.

Fifthly, Whether the Infants are well or ill fituated for Birth.

Sixtbly, How the Woman in Labour, or the Infant, are to be help'd, and what is to be done to that end?

Seventhly, Whether the Birth of the Woman in Labour, is to be promoted before the usual Time, or not.

At what Time a Woman in Labour may most conveniently be touch'd, whether before, in the Time of, or after the Pains?

How the After-burthen is to be brought forth?

How

How ill-fituated Infants are to be turned, or may be drawn out by

What Things are to be ready at Hand, that the Midwife may perform her Office well?

### Of a Natural Birth.

The Mother and Child must be free from all Infirmities, which hinder the Birth.

Of the Child is required Strength Situation What?

Exclusion by voluntary and true Pains without the Assistance of Art.

Of the Mother Shape Condition What?

Pains in the Reins with Throws coming of their own accord by Intervals.

Swelling of the Belly fallen

Signs of the Birth coming on

Incontinency of Urine.

Mouth of the Womb open.

Formation of the Waters.

Pains in the Region of the Loins and Reins in-

Pulse in the Wrist Streque full, high.

Signs of an almost approaching Birth

Flushing in the Face.

Reachings.

Mouth of the Womb open.

The Mouth of the Womb still more open.

A greater Formation of the Waters.

Signs of approach- Pains at the ing Birth.

Pains at the joining of the Os Sacrum and Pubis.

Tremblings with Coldness

I The Shews.

A proper Situation of the Body.

Emollient Ointments.

To promote the Labour Cordials.

Medicines ? evacuating the Belly. } irritating the Womb.

Formation of the Waters.

Of the Womb of Big-Bellied Women well placed?

What Things to be ready at hand, that the Midwife may perform her Office well?

The great Mischiess arising from too strong Pains in the Beginning of Labour, and the putting of Women too soon upon Labour?

Now, tho' the Labour in the Beginning be natural, and promifes an eafy and happy Event, nevertheless it often happens to prove otherwise, even after the Membranes containing the Waters break of themselves, and the Mouth of the Womb be sufficiently open for the Head of the Infant to be crowned: It ought therefore to be a Caution to all Practisers, not absolutely to promise too much, lest the following Difficulties surprize them in the End, to their great Consusion and Disgrace.

The Navel-string entangled.

The Navel-string too short.

The Head too large.

The Obstruction from the Os Coccygis.

The Shoulders too large.

Dropfical Belly, or Breaft.

Dropfical Head.

Want of Pains.

The exact distinguishing Signs of these Cases?

How to proceed in these Cases to persect the Delivery?

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# Of Tying the Navel-String, and excluding the Secundines.

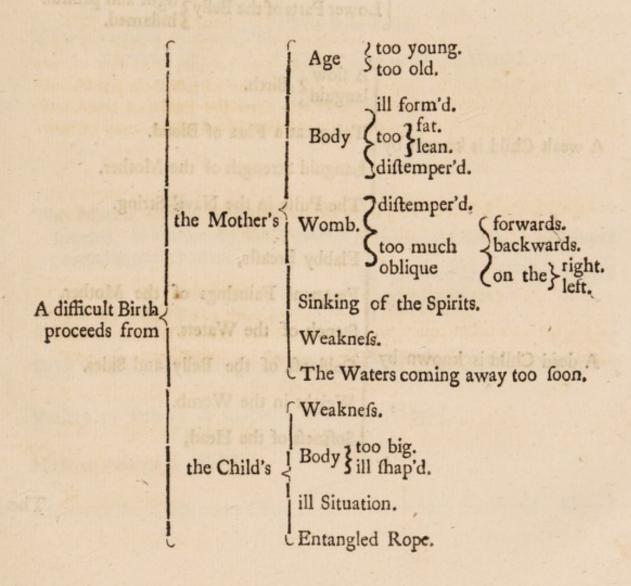
The Navel-String of new-born Infants is to be tied, and the After-Birth is to be brought away without delay, by introducing the Fingers into the Mouth of the Womb immediately after the Birth of the Child, to keep the Mouth open, that even the Hand, if necessary, may be easily introduc'd:—Why?

What is the Midwife's Business after ? Mother?
the Delivery towards the S Infant?

tes to perfect the Delivery?

After these previous Instructions, natural Deliveries are often to be repeated on our great Machine, in order to form the Pupil's Hands for Practice; and then they will be admitted to deliver Women in natural Labours, in the Lying-in Insirmary, under our Directions.

## Of a difficult or unnatural Birth.



They

Cold Sweats.

They can scarce undergo a hard Labour who have Convulsions without coming to their Senses in the Intervals.

Extreme Weakness.

Lower Parts of the Belly 3 tight and painful.

A weak Child is known by

A dead Child is known by

A flow Birth.

Too great a Flux of Blood.

Languid Strength of the Mother.

The Pulse in the Navel-String.

Flabby Breasts,

Frequent Faintings of the Mother.

Stench of the Waters.

Coldness of the Belly and Sides.

Weight in the Womb.

Softness of the Head,

The

A dead Child is known by

The Diffolution of the Cuticle of the Child's Head, or other Parts. The Coming away of the Meconium without any apparent Cause.

The ill Situation of the Child is known by

The Pains not rightly bearing down. Too flow Pains. The Driveling of the Waters. The Touch.

An Exulceration.

The Mouth of the Womb itself illfituated, is known by the Touch, A hardened Gland. Cautions? proceeding either from

A Scar. An Obstruction of the Vessels and Ligaments.

Why the Birth is hindered by the ill Formation of the Pelvis? Variety of Pelvis's in different Bodies .- What? How to enlarge the Pelvis.

Always examine before the Child is fallen down into the Pelvis, Why?

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A difficult Birth proceeding from general or special Diseases.	A dest Child
from the ill turning of Infants in general.	You in works
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Navel-string entangled.	
an Infant's coming with its Face upwards.	Inconveniencies.
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from the too great Firmness of the Membranes which contain the Humours, or the Placenta offering in the Passage, or from dead Infants.	(Arty darming
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-from Infants offering with their Feet foremost.	Inconveniencies.
——from Twins	How remedied?
from Twins ill turned.	Such To 19 work
-from ill and shifting Pains.	The great Mile

The distinguishing Signs of True and False Pains. What?

The great Obliquities of the Womb Four-fold, viz.

The Womb hanging too much forwards.

The Ignorance of the Obliquities of the Womb, of most fatal Consequence?

The Reality of the Obliquities plainly provid?

Their distinguishing Signs?

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How the Obliquities may be rectify'd, and the Woman fafely deliver'd of her Child?

After these further Instructions, the repeated Performance of præternatural Deliveries of all Kinds, onour great Machine, and demonstrating the Reason and Justness of our Rules on the Glass Machine, will make the Pupils very ready in their Business, and perfectly form their Hands to practise in all disticult and præternatural Labours, and at the same time inform their Judgments, in the Manner and Method of operating, in all genuine Labours, in the Lying-

Lying-in Infirmary, till they are compleatly qualify'd for the safe and judicious Practice of the Art of Midwifry.

N. B. If any of the abovemention'd Obliquities of the Womb be great, or the Orifice of the Womb strongly pressed against the Bones, the Midwise ought to send presently for the best Assistance, and in the mean time carefully to prevent the Head of the Child from falling down into the narrow Cavity of the Pelvis, before the Orifice of the Womb is sufficiently open, for the Head to advance: Why? And how to be done?

The great Mischief which may happen, for want of this Care, — What?

If a Man-Midwife is not to be had, then the Midwife must carefully proceed as we have directed, in order to deliver the Woman; but tho' the Midwife should, on this Emergency, succeed ever so well, I would by no Means advise her to undertake these extreme Difficulties, where a Man-Midwife can possibly be had in Time, and the Moment she perceives the Danger, she ought to send for the best Help. Why?

Of the Birth of Monsters,—The Signs, What? A Man Midwife always necessary. Why?

When a Man or Woman Midwife is called to the Affistance of a Woman in Labour, the following Things are dilligently to be observed, viz. That, without Delay, Examination be made by the Touch, that from thence may be known the true Situation of the Mouth of the Womb, viz.

Whether

In the Middle of the Pelvis.

In the Fore-part near the Os Pubis.

Whether it is fituated

In the Hind-Part near the Vertebræ or Os Sacrum.

In the Right or Left Side.

And how wide the Mouth is opened, and what Part of the Child prefents.

Now, if the Crown of the Child's Head is perceived alone, and the Mouth of the Womb is fituated over the Pelvis, or in the Pelvis, and the Membranes with the Waters push forward, then there is no Need of Help; and until the Pains cease, or are slow, there is no Need that the Woman be wearied with labouring, but the Force of Pains coming of their own Accord may be securely waited for; for this promises a true, natural Labour.

But if the Mouth of the Womb is placed higher, it is a Sign of a large Head, or small Pelvis; on the other Hand, if it descends lower, it is a Sign of a small Head, or large Pelvis; this latter promises an easier Birth than the former. How to behave?

If the Mouth of the Womb being direct in the Pelvis, neither the Head, or Buttocks, can be touched, and nothing besides the Waters is to be perceived in the Passage, it betokens a difficult Labour, for the Infant is situated a-cross; wherefore just after the breaking of the Waters, the Head is to be sought for and brought into the Passage, if easy to be done, otherwise the Child must be drawn out by its Feet: And sometimes 'tis absolutely necessary even to break the Membranes, and go for the Feet. Why?

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If the Mouth of the Womb tends in a direct Line into the middle of the Pelvis, but instead of the Head, one Hand, a Foot, Knee, Arm, the Navel-String, or a Hand together with the Feet presents, it is a Sign of Danger, and the best Help ought to be at hand.

If it is perceivable by the Touch, that the Infant is as yet fituated too high, and the Mother is not stirred up to profit by the Pains, there must be no Delay, for without immediate Assistance, both Mother and Infant will perish.

If the Mouth of the Womb is not placed in the middle of the Pelvis, but is too much turn'd in the Fore-part towards the Os Pubis or Share-Bone, or Hind-part towards the Sacrum, or on the Side towards either Hip, then the Danger is great; according as it is more or less declined, and the Mother must be speedily and judiciously assisted. How?

If the Mouth of the Womb lies higher, or is pressed stronger upon this or that Bone, then the Delivery is not to be expected from Nature. Why?

Whether the Womb is fituated right, or more or less oblique, and the Membranes are broke, if any Limb, as a Hand, Foot, &c. be excluded, the Infant must be presently drawn out by the Feet.

If the Womb is as yet fituated too high, and the Membranes not broke, and the Pains come on apace without Intermission, great Care must be taken to support the Womb, lest the Womb, together with the Infant be forc'd into the narrow Cavity of the Pelvis. Why? How to be done?

In the following Cases especially, I would advise Operators and Midwives, to send early for the Assistance of some skilful Man-Midwise or Physician; but if such is not to be had, let them then proceed

ceed with the greatest Caution, and to the best of their Skill, agreeable to the Rules we have given in each particular Case, for the Preservation of the Woman and the Infant, viz.

If Women with Child have a Fever or a Fev'rish Disorder, who, they are often afflicted with labour-like Pains, occasion'd by the Fever, great Caution should be used not to provoke or stir up those Pains, or bring on Labour, lest you endanger the Life of both Mother and Child, but sending for the best Advice, keep the Woman in the mean time, as quiet as may be. How to distinguish those Pains from true Labour Pains?

If the Child remains too high, and no Profit is perceived from strong Pains.

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If the Mouth of the Womb is greatly oblique, and cannot eafily be touch'd, and that in Part only.

If the Mouth of the Womb is oblique, and press'd strongly on any of the Bones.

If the Mouth of the Womb is bard, and not sufficiently open, and Floodings or Convulsions come on.

If the Woman is weak, and not able with her Pains (though the Womb and Child are well fituated for Birth) to advance the Birth.

If the Waters are come away, and the Child does not foon follow.

If the Woman in Labour is crooked in any Part, for often fome one of the Bones of the Pelvis is mishapen too, which may occasion a very difficult Labour.

So likewise if the Woman with Child or in Labour, has any Diftemper of Body, or if the Vagina, Womb, Bladder, or Intestine, be any Way disorder'd.

If the After-Burthen does not come away soon after the Child is born, it either adheres or sticks too much to the Womb, or the Mouth of the Womb is closed too much, and the best Assistance must forthwith be sought for, to prevent the fatal Consequence of the Womb's being hurt, by an unskilful bringing away of the After-Birth.

Of MISCARRIAGES, and the Manner of treating WOMEN GOING WITH CHILD.

Of the Manner of treating Women in Child-Bed

Of the Manner of treating CHILDREN IN THE MONTH.

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## LECTURE in MIDWIFRY,

ON THE

## GLASS MACHINE;

SHEWING

How Women with Child, their Parents, or other discreet Persons, may form a right Judgment of the Skilfulness or Unskilfulness of Midwives, and of a true, natural Birth, and the principal Causes of a difficult One.

Trust in such, who are not duly qualified for the Performance of their Business; fince the one by her Assistance may contribute to the Health, and save the Life of the Mother and Infant; while the other, for want of due Knowledge, or thro' Neglect, may be greatly prejudicial to both.

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I would, therefore, advise all Parents and other discreet Persons, to obtain such a previous Knowledge of the Pelvis, or Bones composing the Bason through which the Infant passes in its Birth, and of a true natural Labour, and of the most general and principal Causes of a dissicult Birth, that they may be enabled, presently, in the very Beginning of Labour, to judge themselves, whether the Woman is to be delivered by Nature, or the Help of Art; and to form a right Judgment of the Skilfulness or Unskilfulness of the Midwise, from her Words, Actions, and Behaviour towards the Woman in Labour; so that if she be found ignorant, better Help may be forthwith sought for: But if, on the contrary, she approves herself skilful and prudent, a mutual Considence may then take Place, and the Midwise be thereby better enabled to perform her Work, with great Calmness and Sasety, to the Benesit and Satisfaction of all Parties.

IN order to make a right Judgment of the SKILFULNESS OF UN-SILFULNESS OF Midwives, of a true, natural Birth, and of the principal Causes of a difficult Birth, (having first obtained the abovementioned previous Knowledge on the Glass Machine, &c.) I would advise Parents, and other discreet Persons, by all means, first of all, that they strictly observe, whether the Midwise, after a short Examination, does try the Woman in Labour by the Touch immediately.

If the neglects this, it is intolerable, and the most certain Sign of Ignorance, commonly proceeding from Sloth or Pride, as if, tho' the had never tried, the knew the Matter well enough; tho' without this, the must be altogether ignorant of the State of Things, or have no Knowledge or Fear of an oblique Womb.

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The Woman being tried by the Touch, the Midwife is to gain her Knowledge by that Means of the Situation of the Womb, and what may follow thence.

If, therefore, any one asks an Account of her, she ought plainly to tell them the Place of the Mouth of the Womb; whether it be situated in, or above the Middle of the Pelvis, or before the Ossa Pubis or Share Bone, or backwards towards the Vertebræ of the Loins or Os Sacrum, or in the right or left Side: If the Midwise equivocates in this Matter, and endeavours to hide her Ignorance, you must send for better Help.

If the Midwife fays the Mouth of the Womb is seated over the Middle of the Pelvis, or the Bones call'd the Bason, open, she may also shew how much it is open, and what offers itself first in the Passage, or whether the Waters are protuberant or swelling; for, if the Waters are not protuberant, or do not form and press forwards with the Pains, they are then false Pains, and she ought by no Means to stir up the Woman to Labour; if she does, 'tis a certain Sign of Ignorance.

If the Midwife says the Crown of the Infant's Head is seated, alone, in the Passage of the Mouth of the Womb, and the Mouth of the Womb is above or in the Pelvis, there is no Need of working, but she is only to wait till Nature, by the Force of Pains, excites the Woman to Labour; there is no Danger now in staying, all Things will go well till the Pains come on, which, till they cease, or are dull, there is no Need for the Woman to be tired or urged to Labour, but she may securely expect the Force of Pains: For this is a true natural Birth; all all the following are more or less difficult and unnatural.

If the Midwife says the Womb is placed above the Middle of the Pelvis, she also must tell whether it is seated higher or lower; it higher, it is an Argument of a great Head, or a small Pelvis; on the contrary, if she says it is sunk lower, it is a Sign of a small Head, or a large Pelvis, and the latter promises an easier Birth than the former.

If the Midwife says the Womb is placed in the Middle of the Pelvis, and the Crown of the Head is not felt in it: On the contrary, if the Head offers itself obliquely, or with the Face first, or the Navel-String, or a Foot comes aside of the Head, Danger is at band, and the best Help must be sought for, lest the Midwife should not be able safely to perform her Work.

If the Midwife fays the Mouth of the Womb tends directly towards the Middle of the Pelvis, but instead of the Head, only one Hand, or Foot, a Knee, an Elbow, the Navel-String, or Hands and Feet together offer themselves, the Case is dangerous, unless duly assisted, immediately after the Waters are broke forth; therefore let the best Assistance be timely at hand.

If the Midwife says the Infant's Breech offers itself first, and the Mouth of the Womb be conveniently seated over the Middle of the Pelvis, there is generally no Danger, since stronger Pains will perform the Work.

If the Midwife, after the Touch, says the Infant is seated too high yet, and cannot tell bow, or in what Place, the Mouth of the Womb is placed,

placed, or what offers itself sirst, saying it is too soon yet, we must wait till the Womb and the Infant sall down lower, before these Things can be known; and if, in the MEAN TIME, she stirs up the Woman to Labour by her Pains, there is then no room for Delay, the Midwife is ignorant, and endeavours to hide it, for here the Mouth of the Womb is suspended high, because the Womb is seated obliquely, or the Infant offers itself ill-turned in the Womb, and requires the hest Assistance in the Beginning; for the least Delay may expose both Mother and Infant to the Danger of Death.

If the Midwife says, the Mouth of the Womb is not seated over the Middle of the Pelvis, but forwards to the Os Pubis or Share Bone, or backwards towards the Os Sacrum, or is turned too much on either Side, then Danger is at band, and no Time must be lost in sending for the best Assistance, especially if she says it is placed against this or that Part high and very fast.

Whether the Womb is rightly placed, or more or less oblique, if when the Membranes are broke, and the Waters flow, any Member, either Hand or Foot, &c. is excluded, the Infant is presently to be brought forth without Delay, the longer the Delay, the greater the Danger.

If foon after the Membranes are broke, and the Waters passed off, the Infant does not follow, Danger is at hand.

If a Midwife, whilst the Womb is suspended high, and before the Membranes are broke, omits to discover the Danger, 'tis a Sign of Ignorance, or great Neglect; and if the Mouth of the Womb, together with the Child's Head, is now fallen down into the narrow Cavity of the Bones, and violent Pains come on without Success, then, not a Moment of Time is to be lost; for it seldom happens that those Midwives know how to clear clear themselves of the Danger which comes on, (thro' this Ignorance or great Neglect) who knew not how, seasonably, to foresee and avoid it.

If the After-Birth does not come away soon after the Child is born, it either adheres too much to the Womb, or the Mouth of the Womb is, by the Neglect of the Midwife, suffer'd to close too much, and better Assistance must forthwith be sought for, to prevent the satal Consequence of the Womb's being burt by an unskilful separating of the After-Birth, or a drawing down of the Womb along with the After-Birth: For many Women have lost their Lives, or became barren, or have suffer'd many and grievous Instrmities all their Lives long, only from the unskilful separating of the After-Birth, when it has adher'd more than ordinary.



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## Relief of Poor Women labouring of Child, and during their Lying-in. 1739.

T is ordered by the Trustees of the said Charity, that the following Particulars relating to the Management, Order, &c. of the said Charity, be fairly printed, and sent to the Subscribers, and other charitably-dispos'd Persons, viz.

Several Persons of Quality and Distinction taking into their charitable Consideration the many poor Women who suffer under various and great Illnesses, and who very often perish in labouring of Child, together with their Infants, for want of timely and skitful Assistance in their Labour, and proper Care and Necessaries during their

their Lying-in; have been pleased to subscribe the several Sums as against their respective Names in the Subscription Roll, annually, during Pleasure, for House-Rent, and providing proper Bedding, Necessaries, Nurses, and Medicines, for all such poor Women who shall be taken into the said Insurary, a few Days before the End of their Time; who may there be delivered and attended, Gratis: Hoping this may, in some measure, prevent these Missortunes, and also afford a good Opportunity for the due and proper teaching the Art and Practice of Midwifry, so much wanted.

The COPY of the PAPER publish'd in the Daily Advertiser, by a Benefactor to the Foundling Hospital, setting forth the Benefit and Usefulness of this charitable Undertaking, viz.

HE Royal Charter, establishing an Hospital for the Maintenance and Education of exposed and deserted young Children, gives an universal Satisfaction and Pleasure to the Publick, and the many noble and worthy Persons concern'd in the Management thereof, puts it out of all Doubt, that it will in Time become the Glory of our Nation.

The little Hospital for the Relief and Assistance of poor Women labouring of Child, and during their Lying-in, tho its Foundation at present is but small, yet, since it has also for its Support
and Encouragement many noble and worthy Personages of both
Sexes, there is, I think, great Likelihood of its going on with Success; especially as the Trustees thereof are so careful in the prudent
and decent Management of it, which is indeed no small Recommendation

- \* mendation of the Undertaking: And as this Charity is in a peculiar Manner adapted to the Relief and Benefit of the Female Sex, and may, in what regards the better instructing of our Midwives, extend its good Consequences even to the noblest and best of Families; I should therefore think it not at all unlikely to see the Ladies so far interest themselves therein, as to become in a manner the very Guardians of this beneficial Undertaking, appropriated to the Relief of the indigent married Women.
- 'Tho' I freely confess, I am not without great Hopes of one Day 'feeing proper Measures taken by the Legislature for establishing an 'Hospital of this Kind, even for all Sorts of Women promiscuously; 'for amongst the unhappy Wretches of ill Fame, there are doubtless many real Objects of Compassion, who, I think, are as properly the Care and Concern of the Legislature, as a profligate Child is that of its Parents: And when such National Hospital shall be erected, this little temporary one, may properly be laid aside, or added to it, by reason the publick Hospital will be a Reception for all Sorts of poor Women with Child; but 'till there is a national one erected, it seems highly reasonable and prudent, that this little temporary Hospital should continue for the Reception of the indigent married Women only.
- 'The prudent Care observed in the Management of the Trustees in general, and the modest Caution in publishing a Compendium of Midwifry, and of the Diseases of Women, in the Latin Tongue, for the Use of Students in Physick; the composing proper Heads of Instructions for the Use of Midwives, in English; the judicious and decent Care taken to prepare a Machine for giving Pupils their first Instructions in the Practice of Midwifry; (so that the Women are no ways exposed to raw and unskilful Persons, or run the least Hazard) are all of them strong Marks of a general determined Design of conducting this laudable Undertaking with the utmost Modesty and Prudence.

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'Having lately read over the Preface to the Latin Compendium of Midwifry, &c. which I thought gave a very good Account of the Ufefulness of the Hospital for Lying-in Women; and believing it might be agreeable to many an English Reader, and perhaps a Means to promote the Good of this little Hospital, by making it more publick, I take the Liberty of translating it, and heartily wish it may have the same Effect on many others as it had on me, who, tho' a considerable Benefactor to that noble Hospital for the exposed and deserted young Children, shall, nevertheless, give my Assistance towards the Support of this beneficial Charity; and, I doubt not, others will do so too.

The Preface to Sir Richard Manningham's Latin Compendium of Midwifry, Women's and Children's Diseases, English'd, viz.

HE charitable Undertaking for the Affistance of poor Women labouring of Child, and providing them with Necessaries during their Lying-in, lately set up, and encouraged by several of the Nobility and Gentry of both Sexes, the Reverend the Clergy, and some of the most eminent Physicians of this City, affording me a proper Opportunity of duly teaching the Art and Practice of Midwifry, hath given the Occasion of my publishing this Compendium; which is design'd as a Plan for the future Instruction of those Students in Physick who shall become my Pupils, and which I hope to make useful at present, and as Time shall serve may make it more perfect; though, as it is, I doubt not, 'twill be of some Service; for the Aphorisms every where added, I believe, will be found to contain the most considerable Precepts relating both to the Practice of Midwifry, and the Cure of Womens and Childrens Diseases.

'It has often, indeed, been Matter of Surprize to me, as well as many others, that in this our great and opulent City, an Hospital for taking

'taking Care of exposed and deferted young Children, and poor Women 'labouring of Child, has been thus long neglected; but since his Ma'jesty has been most graciously pleased to encourage that noble and truly-pious Design of erecting an Hospital for deserted young Children, and also to grant his Royal Charter for the same; and seeing the prime 'Nobility and Gentry of the Land have condescended to become the 'Governors and Guardians of this intended Hospital, 'tis not in the 'least to be doubted but it will soon be completed by voluntary Be'nefactions, (such is our natural Compassion) and become an Hospital 'of the greatest Importance, both in a Religious and a Civil View; 'and may prevent innumerable Murders, and daily add to the Strength 'and Riches of our Nation.

'Our little Hospital for the Assistance and Care of poor Women ' labouring of Child, and during their Lying-in, has its Praises too; and ' may be a Means of faving the Lives of many poor distressed Mothers, ' and their tender Offspring, just entering into the World in their weakeft and most helples Condition: And though the Foundation of this ' Hospital at present is but small, yet I trust it will receive a great In-' crease from the good Example of so many worthy Personages al-' ready concerned in its Support; and as it is an Undertaking well approved of, and every way decent, just, and laudable in itself, and ' may foon become a proper and constant Nursery for the future teach-' ing of the Art and Practice of Midwifry: A Science of no small Account, and which has indeed, in all Ages, been the Study even of the most learned Physicians, though the Practice of it has best suc-' ceeded in this last Age; fince the Women, who to provide the bet-' ter for their own and Children's Safety, have admitted the Affistance of both Sexes; and the Men being more skilful in Anatomy, and better disposed to find out Help in unforeseen Cases, are therefore ' more capable of bringing it to a greater Perfection.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;I should therefore hope the young Physicians would hereafter more generally apply themselves to the Practice of Midwifry, as well as the

the Study; especially since the Means of obtaining that Knowledge is now come home to them; and as they, as Physicians, are properly qualify'd for relieving the many complicated Illnesses which do often accompany the Diseases of Women going with Child, and in Childbed. It is, I think, especially necessary for such young Physicians who intend to reside in the Country; though it may not perhaps be thought altogether so generally necessary in this City, which is so well provided with prudent and learned Physicians, whose Advice may at all Times so easily be had.

'And here indeed I cannot but observe, that the Women them'felves, and those about them, are often much to blame, in neglecting
to send for proper Advice in the various Illnesses which may and often do accompany their Pregnancy; under a mistaken Notion, that
nothing can be done for them till after they are brought-to-bed;
or, that being brought-to-bed, those Disorders will be removed of
course: On the contrary, unless they are altogether owing to the
Pregnancy, they do very much add to the Pain and Dissiculty of the
Labour itself, and too often become fatal in the End; whereas,
were these Disorders properly treated before the Labour comes on, the
Labour would then be less painful and dissicult, and many Lives
would be saved, which now are lost, through this mistaken Notion and
fatal Neglect.

As hitherto the due Knowledge of the Practice of Midwifry could not easily be obtained without going into foreign Countries, and as that suited the Affairs and Circumstances of sew; so it could not reasonably be expected that our Women Midwives especially, should be so properly and fully qualify'd as they ought, for the skilful Performance of their Business; on which Account, 'tis greatly to be feared, many of the better Sort of Women, as well as the meaner, have greatly suffer'd in labouring of Child, through the almost unavoidable Insufficiency of the Knowledge of many of our Midwives:

But having now proper Opportunities of Instruction, they will, I think

think, have no Excuse for their future Ignorance; and it is to be hoped, in Time, for their own and others Sakes, they will all of them be duly and properly qualified for the skilful Performance of their Business; and then, both Rich and Poor, will greatly reap the Advantage of this particular Benefit of the charitable Undertaking lately set up, and suture Generations will have great Reason to bless the charitable Promoters of a Work productive of so much Good.

'Complaints having been made, and not without Reason, of some Inconveniences happening in the Womens Hospitals abroad, with regard to the Instruction of Pupils in Midwifry; I have therefore, to prevent the Occasion of such like Complaints among us, prepared a Machine for the Performance of Deliveries of all kinds, by Means of a Contrivance made on the Bones or Skeleton of a Woman, with an artificial Matrix; whereby all the Inconveniences which might otherwise happen to Women from Pupils practising too early on real Objects, will be entirely prevented; and all Pupils become thereby, in a great Measure, Proficients in the Business, before they attempt a real Delivery. By the same Contrivance also is shewn, the natural Situation of the Fætus and Matrix, and all the various præternatural Situations of each, (from some of which proceed the most painful and perilous Labours) and the safest and most effectual Methods of rectifying all these Difficulties, and perfecting the Delivery.

THE charitable Subscriptions for the Maintenance of poor Women during their Month of Lying-in, are annual, during Pleafure.

Every Subscriber may recommend, within the Year of their subscribing, a Number of poor Objects in the Proportion of Two Guineas each Object.

But each Subscriber is desired to send Two Guineas with every poor Object they shall please to recommend in the first Year of their subscribing; by reason every Subscriber's first Subscription is to be applied to the Payment of House-Rent, and providing Furniture for the poor Objects.

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Each Subscriber may sign the Subscription-Roll, and will be waited on with the said Roll on Notice sent to the said Instrmary; and the Treafurer's Receipt will be given for each Subscription.

All Women with Child who shall come, or be recommended by others not Subscribers, must send or bring Two Guineas, to be paid to the Officer of the House, for their Maintenance during their Month of Lying-in, before they are admitted, and give a proper Certificate, setting forth the Character and Place of Abode of the Woman to be taken in; and in case she is detained longer, by Illness or Accident, the House must be paid after the Rate of Half a Guinea a Week more.

All poor Women offering themselves, giving a proper Account of their Character and Abode, will be taken in gratis, as far as the surplus Subscription will allow, after the Expences of House-Rent, &c. are deducted.

Each Subscriber sending in a Woman, is desir'd to send a Note, with the Name of the Person, viz.

I recommend the Bearer as a proper Object of Charity to be taken into the Lying-in Infirmary, pursuant to the Proposals, &c.

For the Two Guineas mention'd, the Women are delivered by the Midwife of the Apartment, and are provided with Necessaries, Nursing and Medicines during their Month of Lying-in; and in difficult and dangerous Cases, the Physician delivers and attends gratis.

Accounts are fettled Monthly, and audited Quarterly, by the Truftees; and all the Proceedings will be fent to each Subscriber and Benefactor yearly. The Subscription-Roll and Books of Accompts may at all Times be inspected by Subscribers and Benefactors.

N. B. It oftentimes happens, through various Accidents and Illneffes, that poor Women with Child, for want of proper Advice, and timely

timely Assistance, do suffer very much in their Labours and Lyings-in, and thereby become altogether uncapable of looking after, or working for the future Subsistence of their poor Families: In Compassion therefore to such poor Objects, and to make this Charity the more extensive and beneficial, 'tis proposed, that those Parishes of London and Westminster, as shall be willing to pay for their Maintenance during their Continuance in the House, may send them a sew Days before the End of their Time, with a proper Order and Certificate, into the said Lying-in Insirmary; where they will be delivered, attended, and provided with Medicines, gratis, during their Illness: This we apprehend will be a very great Charity to such poor Objects, and a considerable Saving to each subscribing Parish, by reason these difficult and dangerous Cases require the greatest Care, and are usually attended with extraordinary Expences.

And as this Lying-in Infirmary may reasonably afford the best Opportunity of Instruction, in the Art and Practice of Midwifry, for the publick Benefit; 'tis ordered, That an exact Register be always kept of the Names and Places of Abode of all Persons taught or improved in Midwifry at the said Lying-in Insirmary; after they have received a Certificate from the Physician, of their being duly qualified for the Practice of Midwifry.

The CONDITIONS for Teaching Men Pupils, viz.

TEN GUINEAS to be paid at Entrance, and Five Guineas after the first genuine Delivery, and Five Guineas more before the Lecture on the Danger of using Instruments, and communicating our Invention for the safe Delivering of Women labouring of Child, in the most difficult Cases, without the Use of Instruments.

The Pupils ever after are free to attend all future Lectures.

The Women Pupils are taught for Ten Guineas each; and are afterwards free to attend all future Lectures.

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