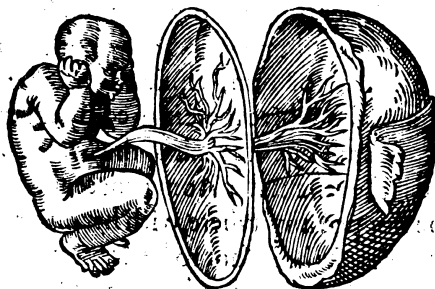


The cutting of
the Navell.

cut the Navell, about the length of foure fingers being left, and let her binde it hard with a double thread, as neere to the belly of the child as may be; which being done, let her have care of the Secundine or after-birth; let her move and stirre it, the Matrix as yet being stretched out and open, before being shut it be closed together againe. But that a diligent care may be used in cutting the Navell, wee were willing to set forth all the coats, called by one name the Secundine, to be viewed in this Figure, how they doe cleave together in the womb, and doe mutually draw one another. For the Se-

Secundine.



cundine is a Pannicle or skinne of three coats, involving & wrapping the whole Infant round about, affixed and fastned to the Matrix, with

Veines

Veines and Arteries, by which it attracteth and draweth blood for the nourishment of the Feature, and sendeth and conveyeth it being attracted to the Infant by his Navell.

The Navell being cut, and the childe washed, his Navell being dry must be strewed and sprinkled with powder compounded of Bole Armeniacke, Sanguis Draconis and Myrrh, and to be pressed downe with a double cloth laid upon it. For this doth remedy a Flux of blood, and other chances.

The Navell to
be sprinkled
with powder.

CHAP. III.

Of certaine naturall Precepts and Medicines, furthering and easing the slownesse and difficultie of the birth.

Because here we will discourse of removing the impediments of the birth: wee must consider first of all, that the birth is hindred two manner of waies, naturally and unnaturally. When it shall happen to be hindred unnaturally, wee must proceed according to the Precepts and Rules delivered in the fourth Booke following. But when it is hindred naturally

The birth kindred
two waies.

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