

*A new Diagnostic Sign of Pregnancy.* By Professor KLUGE, of Berlin.

DR. SOMMER, of Copenhagen, informs us, in the journal of which he is one of the editors, that Dr. Kluge, professor of midwifery in Berlin, considers as a *sure test* of pregnancy a *blueish tint of the vagina*, extending from the os externum to the os uteri. According to Dr. K., this discoloration commences in the fourth week of pregnancy, continues to increase to the period of delivery, and ceases with the lochia. The only condition considered as likely to vitiate the test is the existence of hemorrhoids in a very marked degree. Dr. Sommer convinced himself of the presence of this particular colour in pregnant women, under the direction of Professor Kluge.

[If the validity of this sign should be established, of which we take leave to doubt, its importance in certain cases must be admitted, when we consider the difficulty, not to say impossibility, of detecting pregnancy in its earliest period. It is at least evident from this, as from a thousand other indications, that the employment as well as the estimation of *physical signs* is daily increasing.]

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