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HUMAN EMBRYO, AT THE TWELFTH WEEK, ENCLOSED IN THE AMNION.
NATURAL SIZE.

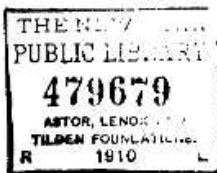
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*"To say what should be said, to say only what should be said,
and to say it as it should be said." — ARISTOTLE.*

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Delrose, July 19,

I have read
Dr. Austin's book thoroughly.
Have re-read some portions. It is
an improvement on any of the
books for women that I have
read - and I am familiar with
all that have been published
in my day. And this seems to me
its characteristic excellence; while
it speaks plainly and warmly
of the perils which encompass the
path of woman, both physically
and mentally, when she violates
the laws of her being, it does not

start out with the monstrous assumption that woman is a natural invalid. Nor does it give directions, that followed, would tend to make and keep her so.

It was from this false standpoint that the impertinent book of Dr. E. F. Clarke was written as also the sentimental one of Michelet, and others of the same sort. They have done us end of mischief - whirling down the brakes on the wheels of progress for woman.

Dr. Austin's book is full of hope, and will prove as powerful a tonic to young women of ambition and promise, as those

of Clarke, Michalet & Co., have proved discouraging and enfeebling. Before them lies health and vigor, and the enjoyment and usefulness coming from both — if they will acquaint themselves with the laws of their being, and will obey them.

I am especially thankful for Dr. Austin's disparaging words concerning ~~the~~ the unclean army of "gynecologists," who seem desirous to convince women that they possess but one set of organs — and that these are always diseased. I regard these specialists as a path for our set.

And the bare mention of them
is the same in its effect upon
me, as a red rag to a bull

I do not see how the most
prudent can be moved to sala-
cious thoughts by this book or
its plates. Not knowing its au-
thor, I see from the reading of
his book with the conviction
that he is a clean man. It is
a profanation for some to dis-
cuss these topics - but I have
not experienced one emotion of
revolt against Dr. Austin's
treatment of them. I will bring
you the sheets of the book when
I next go to Boston.

Yrs. truly
Mary A. Livermore