

A Correspondent, signed W. S. Hanslope, December 4, 1804, in a letter to the Editors, writes thus :

“ As you occasionally admit into your Journal criticisms on medical words, no apology seems necessary for addressing to you the following communication.

“ In the language of medical men themselves, **MANMIDWIFE** is the term applied to those who practise the obstetric art ; but which is so indelicate, uncouth, and barbarous, as to be highly exceptonable. In the present advanced state of science and refinement of language, surely some other term, more appropriate and decorous, might be contrived to answer the same purpose. I will venture to propose one purely English. The **OPUS OBSTETRICIS** is termed a delivery ; to substitute **DELIVERER** for **MANMIDWIFE** might not therefore be improper. This may not indeed be considered by the faculty as sufficiently technical ; I have no doubt, however, but some of your intelligent Correspondents will be able to supply the *desideratum* ; and then we may hope to see the present hermaphrodite expression consigned to merited oblivion.