

In other words, teach the prostitute:

(e) Why, according to the laws of nature, venereal diseases are dangerous to her, to her health, and to society.

(2) The clinical symptoms of venereal diseases, and the means of controlling them.

(3) The means of preventing venereal diseases, and of controlling infection when it is present in herself or she sees it present in her patrons.

(4) The worthlessness of a macroscopic examination and the value of a microscopic examination to herself—why no physician can state truthfully that disease is gonorrheal by simply looking at the sexual organs or discharge, but must examine the discharge with a microscope.

(5) The use of the speculum and tampon to the inmates of assignation houses, that tampons may be used and frequently changed, and thus infection prevented, especially when intercourse is indulged in during existence of a chronic infection or when menstrual period is present.

(6) That men should use glass urinals in the bedrooms instead of the usual vessels—thus the presence of shreds, etc., in the urine will indicate to the woman the possible presence of gonorrhea, the necessity of taking extra precautions, etc.

Such hygiene instructions will illustrate the character of the means that are within the power of the law to prescribe and the police to enforce, because they aim to mitigate and prevent an evil without transgressing the rights of the individual as recognized by law. They see disease as it is, not as we would like to have it. But especially they do not attempt to abrogate the principles of an eternal law, the law of sex, whose mandates man must accept.—*Southern California Practitioner*.

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### RADIUM IN THE TREATMENT OF CANCER.

The Columbia University has recently issued the first annual report of the George Crocker Special Research Fund for the investigation of the nature and cure of cancer. It indicates the general lines on which research has been conducted under the director, Professor Francis C. Wood, since the laboratory was opened in December, 1913. The working staff consists of a director with five assistants. From a summary of the report published in the *New York Medical Record* of December 5th, we gather that a special study has been made of the action of radium and X-rays on tumor and normal tissues growing in culture media. The results show such discrepancies that the director insists on the necessity of great caution in drawing any conclusions, and deprecates