

ART. XXVII.—*Case of Hypertrophy and Ulceration of the Uterine Neck, Semi-occlusion of the Os Tincæ, accompanied with severe Dyspepsia.*
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Mrs. P., aged twenty-eight, of a leuco-phlegmatic temperament, applied to me for advice in the early part of December last, complaining of the following:—general prostration of strength, anorexia, occasional cephalalgia, dorsal and lumbar pains, difficult micturition, great bearing down, leucorrhœa, and to use her own expression, “she felt something like a sore boil in her inside when she sat down”; and she admitted that sexual intercourse was at times almost intolerable, and always followed by an aggravation of her sufferings; the bowels costive, only being relieved once in three or four days. These symptoms had been gradually increasing for the six months previous to her consulting me. On questioning her, the following history was elicited.

Her girlhood was passed as healthily, as far as she recollects, as most other girls; about the age of fourteen she suffered for the space of three or four months with severe periodic pains in the loins and knees; this was followed by the appearance of the catamenial discharge, which appeared regularly for three successive periods, quite painless; during the last of which, owing to getting her feet wet, she contracted a violent cold, the discharge suddenly ceased, and she suffered from metritis (as far as I can judge from the symptoms described) followed by peripneumonia. Her convalescence was very protracted, and the menses did not reappear for the space of eleven months. She had, however, periodic pains in the head and loins, and a constant vaginal discharge, the exact character of which she could not recollect, only that it was colourless. Her menstrual periods were now attended with much pain; indeed she suffered from Dysmenorrhœa from the above period up to the time of her applying to me. She married at the age of twenty-two, and was never pregnant. She has menstruated with remarkable regularity, although suffering from the distressing symptoms enumerated above. The flow was frequently mixed with clots, and (as she described) something resembling the scrapings of pigs’ intestines, and always accompanied with great pain.

On making a digital examination, the cervix presented itself low down, being within about two inches of the outlet, very much hypertrophied, elongated and indurated, and rather tender to the touch; the os tincæ not at all patent, but rather feeling like a small fissure or dimple. On introducing the glass speculum, the superior surface of the vagina presented a florid and slightly congested appearance, the inferior not so much so; the cervix, which completely filled the speculum, presented a very abnormal state, being much enlarged, covered with a slimy mucot purulent