

fifteen women who were operated on for displacements, about three-quarters or about one hundred and fifty were married, and nearly all of these complained of pain on coitus. This is not surprising when we remember that the uterus is directly in the road of the male organ, and only about an inch or two from the vulva. Moreover, it is swollen and exceedingly tender, several patients having described their pain as being similar to the throbbing of a whitlow. When a woman is irritable and angry with every one, it is easy to understand that she will not be pleased with her husband for causing her such severe pain as coitus under these conditions implies. As for the sterility, about twenty babies have followed the eighty Alexander operations, but only two or three have followed the much larger number of ventrofixations, this being due to the fact that when there is fixation the tubes are always diseased. I did not think that the forwards or backward position of the cervix was of so much consequence to fecundation until I had seen pregnancy follow immediately, and without any other treatment, in women, who had been married many years without having children, after placing the cervix in its proper place. One young woman who had been having illicit intercourse during several years without any consequences because she had a retroversion began to suffer so much pain that her physician sent her to me for an Alexander. The operation succeeded so well that on her return to her lover she immediately became pregnant and had a normal delivery.

6. Symptoms due to the uterus, ovaries and tubes. Dysmenorrhœa and menorrhagia. Almost all these women suffered from dysmenorrhœa caused by the pronounced congestion of the genital organs. The blood is pumped into them by the arteries, but cannot get out by the veins because they are twisted and compressed. The endometrium becomes varicose and swollen, causing both a painful obstruction to the escape of the blood and a profuse flow. The ovaries become so inflamed that ovulation causes excruciating pain.

7. Miscarriages. When a woman has had several mis-