

as the pain she experiences is frightful, and leaves her in a nervous condition for hours afterwards. To come the following day for examination.

*November 30th.*—Patient attended at my office to-day—Dr. Kennedy being with me. We attempted examination of the vagina without the æsthetic, but the spasm was so great and the pain so intense, that it was impossible. Chloroform was then administered—it taking fully half an hour to get her under its influence—and as before, examination was made with ease. A speculum being introduced, the condition of the os seemed to be much improved. The solid stick of nitrate of silver was again freely applied. As the irritability and spasm, however, seemed to have its seat chiefly at the opening of the vagina, a special examination was made of this part. The *carunculae* were found to consist of several enlarged tubercles, thickened and congested. The slightest touch to these produced considerable reflex action, shrinkage of the patient and spasmodic contraction of the sphincter, though the patient was kept pretty thoroughly under the influence of the æsthetic. As the enlarged *carunculae* were possibly the sole, or at all events the principal cause of her condition, it was decided to remove them at once. The vulvæ being held wide apart, they were effectually removed by a pair of curved scissors, a pair of tenaculum forceps being used to elevate them. As many as five or six large pieces were thus cut off; a few small pieces were also removed. There was considerable bleeding, which, however, was readily controlled.

*December 1st.*—Patient was very sick after the chloroform, and passed a restless night. There has been some slight hemorrhage from the cut surface. A fold of lins, wet with cold water, to be applied between the labia.

*December 3rd.*—Cut surface all but healed.

*December 7th.*—Cut surface completely healed. Patient says she can now get the pipe of the syringe half way into the vagina. Attempted a digital examination, which, after very great difficulty I accomplished—the finger being very firmly embraced by the sphincter vagina, and to a very considerable extent also by the vaginal walls. After considerable trouble I succeeded in passing into the vagina a duck-bill speculum; but the spasm was so great that I

could not possibly separate the blades, and as she besought me to withdraw the speculum I did so. To continue the injection of sulphate of zinc morning and evening; also to use two large injections daily of plain warm water.

*December 9th.*—Patient became unwell to-day.

*December 16th.*—Menstruation ceased entirely yesterday, and the patient informed me that, for the first time in her life, she had had a perfectly painless menstrual flow. This fact seemed to give her additional courage for the examination, for the relief at her monthly period had been so marked, that it amply repaid her for all she had gone through, even though nothing more should be accomplished. I assured her of the very great probability of a certain cure. I then passed—with some little pain and in spite of some spasm—the pipe or nozzle of a syringe into the vagina, and allowed it to remain for a few moments. I then took my duckbill speculum and attempted its passage. Owing to its size, the amount of spasm was greater, and the patient complained of much pain, and begged of me to desist, but I persevered, and in a moment or two had the satisfaction of finding it well into the vagina, and this time succeeded in opening the blades slightly. The condition of the os was greatly improved. The granulations had all but entirely disappeared, a few only remained which I again touched with the solid stick of nitrate of silver. The vaginal injections to be continued as before.

*December 19th.*—To-day succeeded in passing the speculum without much difficulty, and in opening the blades tolerably freely. Spasm greatly less, although some slight pain was complained of. Os almost healthy in appearance, only two or three small granulations remaining, which I lightly touched with nitrate of silver. Continue injections.

*December 21st.*—Examined patient again to-day. Not much difficulty in passing the speculum; os now looks quite healthy. To discontinue injections of sulphate of zinc, but to use warm water injections thrice daily.

*December 23rd.*—To-day passed a No. 10 rectal bougie, without much difficulty and with very little pain. Allowed the bougie to remain in for two hours.

*December 24th.*—Passed a No. 12 rectal bougie and allowed it to remain three hours.

*December 25th.*—Husband called to-day to say