

wounds are inflicted upon the genital organs of either sex, the fact of their existence in such a situation at once proves wilful and deliberate malice on the part of the assailant. Accident is wholly out of the question, and suicide is improbable except in the case of confirmed idiocy and lunacy." In a state of intoxication a woman may be practically an idiot or a lunatic, and we hold that it is very decidedly within the bounds of probability that the primary wound was self-inflicted. A comparatively trifling degree of traction will cause the bowel to separate from the mesentery (and separation in this way would account for the slight amount of hæmorrhage), and the bowel having been pulled out it is possible that an ignorant, half-intoxicated man may have cut this "something" off.—*The Lancet*.

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#### CICATRICAL KELOID OF THE CERVIX UTERI.

At a recent meeting of the *Société de Chirurgie*, of Paris, M. Cazin read a paper on two cases of cicatrical keloid of the neck of the womb. The first case occurred in a woman, twenty-two years of age, who had had a child at the age of eighteen years, and had never had syphilis. On examination, the cervix was painful to the touch, and appeared covered with elevations. The speculum showed that these elevations were of a triangular form, and of a nacreous white appearance; they were hard, insensible, from two to four millimetres in diameter, and six in number. The patient had formerly been under treatment for metritis, and had had leeches applied to the cervix. Histological examination showed that cicatrical tissue had formed there now. The elevations were nothing else than the hypertrophied cicatrices of the leech-bites. The second patient, aged forty, was the mother of seven children, of whom the last was seven years of age. M. Cazin had applied the cautery to the cervix for the treatment of an obstinate ulceration, which was rebellious to all other methods of cure. The woman has now a keloid of the posterior lip of the cervix, in the position where the cauterization was applied some years since.—*Gaz. Hebdomadaire*, No. 44.

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THE municipality of Berlin, alarmed at the 139 cholera cases at St. Petersburg since March, is preparing for the repulse of the disease. Meanwhile typhus fever abounds in the North German capital. Drainage operations, so loudly demanded by the Berliners, are about to commence, and a loan of £3,500,000 has been raised to carry them out.