

Post mortem 156.—Register 247.—M. M., a woman of originally robust person, and early dissipated habits. Her age at death was 42, and she had been an asylum inmate for nearly 20 years. She was in the habit of stuffing her nostrils, and the other mucous orifices, with woollen rags; and frequent attention was necessary to dislodge these substances. A few months before death, her appetite failed, and she gradually emaciated. She never had either cough or expectoration; and she ultimately appeared to die from mere exhaustion.

Post-mortem.—The chest and abdomen were opened about 24 hours after death. The *lungs* were full of tuberculous cavities, with pus,—especially the right, which was adherent to the ribs all over.

The *liver* was small, hard, and tanwy. The *pancreas*, enlarged and indurated. An *ovarian* tumor, globular, and about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, was found on left side. On the posterior surface of the uterus, were three white tumors, of cartilaginous firmness. They lay immediately beneath the peritoneal coat; the largest was $\frac{7}{8}$, and the least $\frac{5}{8}$ inch diameter. The uterus itself was healthy; but the vagina was ulcerated, and some debris of old woollen rags was discovered in it.

The ovarian tumor consisted of a single cyst, the contents of which were found to be cholesterine and margaric acid.

Query? What morbid affinity subsisted, during life, between this woman's peculiar habits and the diseased uterine appendages? Were her habits causal or resultive?

Post-mortem 159.—Register 1492.—J. R., a man, age at death 40; upwards of 7 years in the asylum. Subject to occasional severe paroxysms.

Post-mortem, 40 hours after death.

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