

4. Disorders of intelligence. When the irritation has lasted a long time the nutrition of the brain suffers seriously, and the patient may even lose her reason. I can recall at least a dozen cases in which the women themselves told me that they were ashamed of themselves for being so disagreeable to their husbands; the kinder their husbands were to them the worse they treated them. Two months ago a lady came to me from British Columbia to consult me on account of nervous attacks. She did not know the cause of them, but she assured me that if I did not discover it, and cure her, her husband would leave her, so disagreeable towards him had she become. Her father assured me that she had formerly been of a sweet and gentle disposition, and that a great change had taken place in her since a few years. She presented such a pale and worried appearance that I at once suspected that she had a retroversion, and, on examining her, my suspicions proved to be well founded; there was a large and heavy uterus with the fundus lying in the hollow of the sacrum. A few days later the round ligaments were shortened, and, after three weeks, she assured me that she felt quite differently. Another woman, whose history lies before me as I write, stated that for nine months previously she had been having strange ideas; for instance, she had an almost irresistible impulse to throw herself out of her bedroom window; she was, therefore, afraid to go up to her room unless some one went with her. Also, when she had a knife in her hand there was a great temptation to drive it into her heart or to cut her throat with it, so that she had to throw it down and run away from it. I at once suspected a retroversion, looked for it and found it. As it was firmly fixed, I had to open the abdomen and do ventrofixation. The very next day on my visit to the hospital she expressed her gratitude, saying: "Whatever you did you have removed that cloud from my brain; my trouble has gone." On asking her if she had much pain from the operation, she replied that "That was of no account compared with the sadness which before had overpowered her."

5. Dyspareunia and sterility. Of the two hundred and