

still coitus is constantly occurring during the prevalence of this leucorrhœal discharge, and yet with perfect immunity.

I have no doubt it has fallen to the lot of every practitioner to be the arbiter of a wife's criminality or a husband's guilt, as suspicions the most unfounded, calculated to ruin the peace and happiness of a family, have been time and again submitted to the decision of the physician. I do not wish to assert that a blennorrhœa invariably follows coitus during the menstrual flow, but that it will occur under certain circumstances or certain conditions of the male, wherein a greater aptitude for the reception of the impression seems to exist, or where, from some constitutional disturbance on the part of the female, the secretion, be it menstuous or leucorrhœal, becomes more irritating or acrid. These views are fully borne out by the experience and teaching of some of the first authorities of the day, among whom I may mention Ricord, Diday, Skey, Bumstead, and others.

During my pupilage, I met with two cases of undoubted blennorrhœa produced by having connexion at the menstrual period: one the case of a fellow student, who had connexion with a young person whom he afterwards married. It was remarkable, inasmuch as there could be no doubt of her virginity previous to the act: it was the second time only that she had menstruated; the connexion was fruitful; a marriage shortly after occurred, and they have lived together since.

*Case 1.*—G—, a gentleman residing in this city, had occasion to visit the neighbouring republic on business during the year 1855. While in one of the principal cities of the Union, he had criminal congress with a female, the wife of a gentleman of known respectability. The parties had been living together as husband and wife for several years, and were so at the time that this occurrence took place. The desire of the seducer was effected after considerable difficulty; and, on his return to his hotel, he noticed his clothes stained, and upon inquiry learnt that she was just recovering from her monthly illness.

The second day after his liason he returned to Canada, and sought the society of his own wife, little dreaming that his sin would be found out. The day following, which was the seventh after he had had the suspicious connection, he noticed a slight tingling in passing urine; this was accompanied by a weepy state of the lips of the urethra; a slight mucopurulent discharge followed. Being an old offender, he sought medical aid immediately, and was told by his surgeon that he had an undoubted clap. He was placed under treatment, and shortly recovered. In the mean time his wife suffered from symptoms of uterine blennorrhœa. She was placed under treatment, and recovered. He, of course, was thoroughly convin-