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THE THERAPEUTICS OF CONVERSION, OR THE VIS MEDICATRIX SPIRITUS SANCTI AS A CURE FOR EROTIC NEURASTHENIA.—WITH A REMARKABLE CASE.

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The following history was given me by a medical friend: "I was born in the year 1852 on a farm in the township of R—. My parents were industrious, honest people, but not too well supplied with this world's goods, being among the pioneers of the old county of L—. It took them all their time, and a good deal of overtime, to provide for a family of four sons and four daughters. My mother possessed a highly neurotic temperament, was sensitive, imaginative, and intensely religious, bordering at times on religious mania. She lived a life of constant prayer and meditation, and was filled with the most unbounded faith in the promises of revealed religion. Her Bible was almost the only book she cared to read. Newspapers were her special aversion.

"She had a great dread lest any of her beloved children should become a castaway, and she was instant in season and out of season in instruction and reproof.

"My father was quiet and morose, and a great reader. At middle life his disposition underwent a great change, and he became very affectionate, as well as jovial and affable. My mother