

into the vagina, while an assistant passed a finger into the rectum; then by turning the handle of the sound, I made its point completely sweep the anterior wall of the pelvis, and in doing so I could distinctly feel it, as it passed by the point of my finger in the *cul de sac* of the vagina, with nothing but the thin vaginal wall intervening, at the same time my assistant's finger in the rectum distinctly felt the point of the sound, as it passed over the bowel in completing the circuit of the pelvis.

We thus became satisfied of the complete absence of the uterus, an almost total absence of the vagina, and the probable absence of the ovaries, but as these latter organs are usually beyond the reach of the finger, their absence or presence was left an open question.

From the well developed breasts, the state of the mons veneris, and the occasional experience of strong sexual desires, combined with the usual feminine voice and instincts, one would be inclined to think the ovaries were present somewhere. But on the other hand there had never been anything like that periodical *nisus*, which is said to mark the return of the catamenial epochs in those cases of absent uteri where the ovaries are known to be present.

Altogether it would seem as if the clitoris was, after all, the seat to a great extent of the aphrodisiac sense, and a case recently reported in which that organ was removed for the relief of epilepsy, in a girl addicted to masturbation, would, by the success which followed the operation, still further strengthen this view.

Under all the circumstances, we felt it our duty to advise our patient against any further matrimonial propositions, an advice which, it is needless to say, appeared to give the poor girl very great pain.

WORM FEVER.

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Worm Fever may not be—strictly speaking—a scientific term, but I think, in the present instance, it is a very appropriate one, and perhaps the following case will be sufficiently interesting to report in the *Lancet*.

I was called on the morning of the 30th ult. to see a little boy, aged six, who, as his mother informed me, had been sick for a couple of weeks, and she feared he had, or was going to