

rectum gave rise to extensive hemorrhoidal tumors around the anal orifice, which had ulcerated, and caused her great distress. While engaged in examining these parts, I was surprised to discover that my patient was indeed not like other girls in more than one respect. She hardly presented any traces of the external genitals. No labia were to be seen, no nymphæ, no vagina, no clitoris, no mons, in short no appearance whatever even of the very rudiments of the external organs of generation. A slight crease about one inch in length and a few lines deep, covered with a roughened sort of mucuous membrane having much the character of the adjoining epidermis over the perineum occupied the place of the vulva. In the centre of this, a small opening indicated the orifice of the urethra through which a female catheter which I introduced passed directly into the bladder.

Although it was more than three years since I had seen her last, and she was now past her twenty-first year, her sexual system was wholly undeveloped, and she looked and acted in all respects like a child.

Her dysentery was easily relieved, the hemorrhoids alleviated, her general health considerably improved, and ere long she was enabled again to sit up in her easy chair, and to amuse herself with books and fancy work, and she spent the days of her confinement in comparative comfort, yet it was evident her decline slowly and steadily gained the ascendancy, and she gradually wasted away and died in her twenty-second year with all the symptoms of pulmonary phthisis.

On her death, I entreated her friends to allow a post-mortem and to let me have an autopsy of, at least, the contents of her pelvis, but the same morbid delicacy, which against all my urgent and incessant requests, prompted them to refuse any other medical man to be a witness of her deformity during her life, led them also to kindly yet decidedly refuse my request at the end.

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PROF. GUNNING S. BEDFORD, M. D., died in New York, on the 6th of September, at the age of sixty-four years. He had long been an invalid, having been attacked with hemiplegia in 1864, while in the midst of an active practice, and since then he had three or four other attacks.