

Howover much force there may be in both these statements, yet the cases are widely different in the relative importance of their influence on the subsequent lives of the parties concerned, for while the deficiency in the first can be easily compensated without any infraction of the moral law, the defect in the latter, if undiscovered till after marriage can hardly be supplemented this side of Utah, without doing violence to the moral sensibilities of civilized society, and is very apt to entail permanent misery on all concerned.

Meigs says he has seen two pretty women who were allowed to marry before it was ascertained they had no wombs or vagina, and although I have heard a lady physician say that many women would rather consider that a blessing than otherwise, yet it was evident in the case of my patient that she would have preferred the full development of *all her faculties*.

In October last I was asked to see a young woman 22 years of age, about 4 ft 8 in high, rather pale, but moderately well developed, comely in appearance with feminine voice, modest and retiring manner well formed breasts and who at times experienced rather strong sexual desires. She had never menstruated, although she had taken many tonics and emmenagogues.

A year or two ago she was to have been married, but *fortunately* the match was accidentally broken off.

I could find nothing in the general health to account for the persistent amenorrhœa, and as the lady who asked me to see the patient, suspected absence of the uterus, I made a very thorough examination.

I found the breasts and nipples well developed, the mons veneris well covered with hair, the labia majora, minora and the clitoris fully formed; there was no hymen present, and the vagina terminated in a *cul de sac*, about one inch and a-half within the vulva. She stated, with every appearance of sincerity, that she had never attempted sexual intercourse, and I know that she belongs to a respectable family, her father being a farmer within a few miles of this city.

All the external organs and appearances indicated a properly developed, modest good looking girl, well calculated to engage a young man in matrimonial enterprise.

On the most careful digital examination by pressure above the pubes, through the vagina and rectum I failed to detect anything like the uterus, or any tumor within the pelvis.

I then passed a male sound within the bladder and my forefinger