

Diseases of the female organs of generation are more common than any but a physician can suppose, and surgical gynecology has become a necessity from an early neglect of backaches, spineaches, and headaches, followed by irregular, scanty, painful, delayed or suppressed menstruation during girlhood. The inquisitive physician rushes not into instrumental interference, nor sends such patients to certain specialists for officious mutilation, but first a volley of seek-farther questions at the patient which elicit the information that such patient passed her days of approaching puberty in an over-crowded public school, or, worse, in a jail-like boarding school for young ladies, adding fuel to the fire of antagonism between brain and digestible foods, the body growth lags behind, leaving the imprint of the unequal struggle on the reproductive organs.

With poorly established sexual functions and a perfect disregard for menstrual week, the undeveloped woman leaves school to plunge into a vortex of social dissipation, followed later by an assumption of wifely duties and responsibilities toward a husband who has seen only her bewitching face and not her frail body.

It is hard to fathom the reason why so many such wives at first tolerate marriage obligations and later resent and loath them when the poor, broken-down sexual system refuses longer to continue functions for which it was made, but carelessly unfitted?

Is not such a condition a cause for dread of maternity on the part of the woman which often leads to criminal abortion, with all its attendant sequences?

To the inquisitiveness of the successful physician must be added a power of positiveness, wherein he may teach both the husband and the wife something they should know before their carelessness brings about these later conditions which require the necessity of mutilation.

The woman suffering from continued nervusness, weariness, wakefulness, headache and backache needs the services of a physician, and not a surgeon. Likewise such symptoms as scanty, painful, delayed and suppressed menstruation should be under the care of a physician :nd not an over-zealous surgeon. Prolapsus, leucorrhœa, ulcerations, chronic inflammations, congestions and enlargements are purely the outcome of neglect of just such symptoms as named. The first-named symptoms are but the assertions of Nature that she is tired of the unequal load, and if not relieved she will resist no longer, come what will.

A judicious investigation of seemingly insignificant details and close application to the technique of examination in the early stages of such cases will reveal constipation, congested mucus lining of the vagina, and irritable bladder, with diffuse hyperaemia of all pelvic structures