

F. Neugebauer¹ gives an analysis of 50 cases of **marriage between persons of the same sex**, with several cases of divorce from errors of sex.

Injury of Domestic Animals by Sexual Perverts.—A. Guillebeau² emphasizes the importance of veterinarians being familiar with the evidence of such acts. In cases of sadism valuable cattle were found to be destroyed. The unnatural sexual acts were, however, fatal only in the case of hens; these showed rupture of the liver and fatal bleeding, and sometimes broken bones. In 1 case human spermatozoa were found in the cloaca, which was unusually widened. Wounds of the vagina, with rectal and peritoneal perforation were met with in cattle subject to sadistic acts. In 1 case a cattle-tender was shown to have introduced a pitchfork handle into the vagina and twisted it round.

Case of Precipitate Labor in a Primipara of 43.—Knepper³ tells of a child that was born with only very short pains, taken for desire for defecation, into a chamber-pot. The escape of the liquor amnii was first noted afterward. The child was a girl, weighing 3000 gm., diameters of the head not given. About 4 months later a slight prolapse of the anterior vaginal wall was noted.

Exceptional Cause of Syncope during Accouchement.—P. de la Touche⁴ relates the case of a woman, weak and in poor health, who was confined alone. After feeling with her hand the head protruding from the vagina the labor did not advance. She then passed in a pair of scissors between the head and perineum, and divided the perineum. The pain caused her to faint. Subsequently, on coming to, the child lay between her legs. She tied a knot on the cord. On the arrival of the neighbors the child was found to be dead.

Self-inflicted Vaginal Injuries by a Fragment of Copper Sulphate.—Kuhn⁵ says that a girl of 23 had a discharge of slimy blue fluid from her vagina; the vaginal mucosa was eroded and discolored blue-gray; there was deep-seated corrosion of the posterior vaginal wall, with sloughing of the surface. She had placed a piece of blue vitriol, as large as a plum, in the vagina to relieve constipation. After separation of the sloughs the wound healed rapidly.

Coffin-birth.—A case is reported by Langerhans.⁶ The body, that of a girl of 16, dead of phthisis, was placed upon the autopsy-table 60 hours after death, in February, with no signs of decomposition. The attendant noticed a prolapse of the uterus, and on his return about 20 minutes later the head of the child was seen to be completely delivered. There were no signs of liquor amnii. Pregnancy had not been diagnosed. The development of the child indicated 7½ months.

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G. Villeneuve and E. P. Chagnon⁷ report a number of cases in which lunatics were condemned by mistake by the courts. This subject has also been made the subject of a very full discussion by the French Congress of Alienists in 1899.

¹ Rev. de Gyn., Mar. and Apr., 1899.

² Viertelj. ger. Med., Oct., 1899.

³ Viertelj. ger. Med., July, 1899.

⁴ Schweizer Arch. f. Thierheilk., i., 1899.

⁵ Ann. d'Hyg. pub., Apr., 1899.

⁶ Ibid., Jan., 1899.

⁷ L'Union méd. du Canada, June, 1899.