

nature of a physical defect as of a mental aberration, and therefore a form of insanity.

Kraft-Ebing, has gathered together a very edifying collection of such cases, which is likely to remain for a long time the recognized classic in that extremely odious department of human knowledge. Not so much does it bid fair to remain the accepted classic upon the subject because of its exhaustiveness and the ability shown by the author in that sort of thing, as because there are very few observers who aspire to becoming a rival in his "bad eminence."

Anyone desiring to pursue the subject may refer to Kraft-Ebing himself. I shall have nothing to say myself explicitly upon the subject, holding the belief that we may discuss *pus* in a general way and by the use of generalities (even laudable *pus*) without passing a phial of it around for everyone to examine. We all know what *putrilege* is without looking at it repeatedly.

Kraft-Ebing has not only performed a disagreeable piece of literary scavenging by writing a book which, I suppose, ought to have been written as a record of a human condition, and which perhaps no one else but he would write, even if they could; but he has also proved the benefactor of a very deserving class of the community, a class which many of the profession should regard with exceeding tenderness, inasmuch as they give them occasion to exercise the divine art, sometimes with very lucrative results. I refer to the prostitutes.

Kraft-Ebing has materially enlarged and amplified the armamentarium of the intelligent and progressive prostitute. No house of the sort should certainly be without a copy. It will aid this very deserving class in providing the unimaginative with somewhat stimulating novelties. This German author by collecting isolated cases of sexual perversion, and by putting his admirable work in the right place, may yet be able to flatter himself that he has rendered permanent that which was at first transient and accidental. As I said a moment since, the results of disease are often incorporated in the web of evolution, and having fallen into the current of health become a stable part of it, with results more or less deleterious to the ultimate history of the animal. Thus the industrious German not only provided science with a capacious reservoir of very interesting *putrilege*, but provided a class who have but few literary members with a system of philosophy. It has been appropriated by the courtesans. They find it a didactic work of many attractions. It is the bible of the bawdy house.

Really diseased forms of perversion, such as necrophilism and the like, may be congenital or acquired. The congenital pervert may be placed upon the same footing as the idiot and the cretin, and it is a noteworthy fact that forms of such perversion are not uncommon among these classes.

There are other forms of perversion again which occupy a peculiar place of their own in the lives of the nations—forms of