

that, instead of combining the powers of both sexes, they are for the most part incapable of exerting any sexual function.

“ Dr. Andrew Duncan Junr. says: ‘ In the two sexes, there are organs which correspond to each other, and which may be called analogous organs, the penis to the clitoris, the scrotum to the labia, the testes to the ovaria, and the prostate to the uterus; and it further appears, that of these analogous organs, no two were ever found on the same individual. No monster has been described, having both a penis and a clitoris, nor with a testis and ovarium of the same side, we may venture to say, with testes and ovaria, nor one having a prostate and uterus.’ ”

We now come to the fifth Chapter, concerning *rape*, and cannot better introduce this subject than by giving the judicious opinion of Sir Mathew Hale, quoted by the author.—“ It is an accusation,” said he, “ easy to be made and harder to be proved, but harder to be defended by the party accused, though innocent.” The hymen has been wanting in chaste females, and existing in other cases in the opposite circumstance, practitioners having even been called to perforate it in cases of actual labour.

Hence a great variety of opinion has been entertained by the most distinguished Physicians, but Dr. Beck retains its existence among the signs of virginity, provided it be connected with other physical proofs. The *carunculæ myrtiformes* have sometimes been found in the place of the hymen. Zachias says that they are indicative of chastity when red, tumid, and connected together by *cordæ carneæ*; whilst it is the contrary, when they are found pale, flaccid, and their connexion destroyed. They are, however, generally considered as the remains of the hymen, “ *et corruptæ adeo pudicitiae indicia*,” but disappear after some time.

When a rape has been committed, there will be, besides an absence of the signs of virginity, others indicative of the employment of force, such as contusions on various parts of the extremities and body. Dr. Beck is so far from considering