

were approximated, and the two bound firmly and immovably together, until complete adhesion and junction was effected by vascular connection.

The formation of epiphytes is much more credible than the "wild men" episodes, and presents no very great morphological or physiological difficulties; moreover, monstrosities of this character, that strongly suggest an artificial derivation, are by no means as rare as might be imagined, not alone in China, but in Indo-China, Korea and other Oriental regions; but such evidences of teratological enterprise are for the most part confined to the lower animals. Doubtless some of the civilized mumping, as exemplified by so-called "dime museum freaks," partakes relatively of this character.

*The writer once made "Siamese twins" of two white rats that survived the operation, and presumably might have lived to respectable age,

but for the fact they fell victims to the rapacity of a bull terrier. The transplanting of the tail of a rodent to its nose; of the same to the vascular excrescence surmounting the head of a cock; also the spur of the latter to the same—all are experiments in like direction too well known to demand comment, further than to say the degree of success attained is in some measure dependent upon the status of the two creatures toward each other in the zoological classification; thus, better results accrue when both are of the same genera or species than when the relationship is more remote. The tail of the rat in the cock's comb generally loses its individuality, assuming more and more that of the surroundings upon which it is immediately dependent for nourishment, and ultimately the most pendent portion sloughs off, and that remaining becomes vascularized into true comb tissue.

