

low they live, and what becomes of them, are answered, and the various plans for their reform are discussed.

The third part of the book is on the Married Life. Every man, either married or contemplating marriage, will find here information which he would not be without for very many times the price of the book. The part opens with advice in reference to the age best for marriage, the choice of a wife, the dangers (physical) of long engagements, etc. A section is given to the consummation of marriage, and the obstacles to it, both on the part of the female and the male. The latter the author divides into four: First, Lethargy of the organs; second, Debility; third, Impotence; and fourth, Sterility. He explains the nature and cause of each of these conditions, and adds the *special treatment* which they require.

The next chapter is on *the marital relations*. The dangers of excess are pointed out, and the rules of moderation laid down.

The nature of conception is then explained, and an extremely interesting chapter given on the avoidance and limitation of offspring. Not less interesting to married people are his full and explicit directions *how to have male or female children at will*. The rules given are strictly scientific, and are also applicable to domestic animals, stock, horses, etc., and will therefore doubly interest most people.

In the chapter on *inheritance* the author tells what parents can do to avoid having deceased, deformed, and weak-minded children, and to have those which are handsome, healthy and intelligent.