

She endeavoured to scream, and shortly afterwards the candle was blown out and the men left. She then ran out from her bedroom in her night dress, and rattled a locked door near her uncle and aunt's bedroom, screaming lustily. Her uncle soon came out and found her in a greatly excited state, and crying out that her hair had been cut off. Search was immediately made, but neither the persons alleged to have committed the outrage nor the hair was to be found. I did not see her until some hours afterwards, but her uncle said that the hair had been hacked off irregularly, so as to expose the scalp more or less in different parts. A barber had been sent for, and he had shaved the middle of the scalp, leaving a tonsure of short black hair about two inches long, and over all he had placed a wig of false hair. The shaved scalp was studded with the bases of pimples, whose apices had been removed by the razor. It was a little puffy, and amongst the short hair were a few pimples, presumably like those on the shaved scalp. There were two swollen glands, one on each side of the neck, about the middle of the sterno-mastoid muscle. No marks of violence could be seen on her lips or wrists. She is quite capable of resistance. She trembled greatly while being examined, but told her story in a straightforward manner. She suffers from menorrhagia, and frequent headaches, and is in the habit of sleeping with her face covered by the bedclothes, and is very hard to arouse from sleep. She bears a good character and is habitually temperate. Six years ago, after a fever she had her head shaved. She had fine black hair. On one occasion she walked in her sleep from one room to another. Her sister is a somnambulist. No spite was known to exist against her. The servants who slept in adjoining apartments did not hear any noise before she screamed during the night. The bedroom was examined. No traces of a struggle were visible, and no hair could be found on the pillow or upon the bedclothes. She had borrowed a blunt pair of scissors before going to bed. In front of the looking-glass on the dressing table cover,