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Sexual Debility in Man. By FREDERIC R. STURGIS, M.D., formerly Clinical Professor of Venereal Diseases, Medical Department, University of the City of New York; Ex-Visiting Surgeon to the City Hospital, Blackwell's Island; author of "A Manual of Venereal Diseases"; one of the authors of "A System of Legal Medicine," etc., etc. Complete in one octavo volume. About 450 pages. Illustrated. Neatly printed and substantially bound in cloth, \$3.00 net. New York: E. B. Treat & Co., Publishers, 241-243 West 23rd Street.

The author of this work has, for many years, devoted his attention exclusively to venereal and genito-urinary diseases. He has long been considered by the medical profession in this country as an authority in his specialty, and his distinguished ability has received ample recognition abroad. This work is a noteworthy one, for in it Dr. Sturgis gives the results of his extensive experience covering the observations of many years.

From Author's Preface: "The principal reason for writing this book is to introduce to the reading medical public sundry opinions the writer holds upon sexual weaknesses in men, which although they may be at variance with ideas generally received in this country he is convinced from experience are correct. Thus in the chapter on Masturbation he has combated the old and time-honored belief that indulgence in this habit is the necessary prelude to both physical and mental degeneration, and, while not glossing over the dangers which may, under certain conditions, result from the habit, he has attempted to point out the folly of the hysterical denunciations which have been heaped upon it by pseudo-philanthropists and ignorant medical men. The question of castration in the case of masturbating lunatics has been brought up afresh for discussion and the author has frankly stated his reasons for believing, that, under certain circumstances, such a procedure would not only be justifiable, but proper. He has also separated spermatorrhea from pollutions, aiming to show that the two are absolutely distinct and separate diseases; that spermatorrhea is not the finale of pollutions, but is a disease *sui generis*, the symptoms, course, and treatment of which are entirely different from the latter. He has also striven to correct the foolish and ridiculous idea that the man afflicted with spermatorrhea is foredoomed to impotence and sexual uselessness. In the chapter on Prostatorrhea he has attempted to lay down the natural history and symptoms of this variety of disease, and has protested against the loose and unscientific method of regarding it as practically the same as prostatitis, with which latter disease, in his opinion, it has absolutely nothing in common."