

speculum was then introduced, and local treatment directed to a slight endo-cervicitis which yielded in the space of six or seven weeks.

The lady returned to New York her residence, and in less than one year from that time, she gave birth to a fine healthy infant.

The first report of any treatment for this distressing neurosis is to be found in Burn's principles of midwifery where in the portion of his book assigned to describing the anatomy of the pelvis, and when treating of the pudic nerve it is stated. "The pudic nerve, after re-entering the pelvis gives off several small branches, which go to the obturator internus, sphincter ani and extremity of the rectum. It then divides into two. The trunk as it may be called, runs forward with the artery to the clitoris, covered as it proceeds along the rami of the pubis, by the erector.

The other division is distributed to the perineum and vagina. It approaches the vagina nearly in a line with its junction with the perineum, and sub-divides and ramifies on the end of that passage, but chiefly on its orifice.

This nerve is often preternaturally sensible, so as to cause great pain in coition as well as at other times. It may be exposed by cutting through the skin and fascia, at this side of the labium and perineum beginning in a line with the front of the vaginal orifice and carrying the incision back for two inches. The nerve being blended with cellular substance, is not easily seen in such an operation, but it may be divided by turning the blade of the knife and cutting through the vagina to its inner coat, but not injuring that. It may be more easily divided by cutting from the vagina. Slitting merely the orifice of the vagina will not do. We must carry the incision fully half an inch up from the orifice of the vagina, and also divide the mucous membrane freely in a lateral direction.

In another place he tells us that the sensitiveness is sometimes dependent on little tubercles or inflamed patches at the orifice, in which case, we may try the free application of nitrate of silver with or without scarification.

But if there be no tubercles, and especially if there be tightness at or within the orifice we must in one or more places divide the mucous coat, as high as there is anything like a band.

Dr. Nestel reports a case successfully treated by electricity. Dr. Mahend also in his book *Sterilite chez la femme* reports a success from the same mode of treatment.