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2. I abhor the love of my own sex, and shall never again think men handsome.

3. I shall and will become well again, fall in love with a virtuous woman, be happy, and make her happy.

December 14th. While out walking today, patient saw a handsome man, and felt himself powerfully drawn toward him.

From this time there were hypnotic sittings every second day, with the above suggestions.

December 18th (fourth sitting): Somnambulism occurred; the impulse to onanism and interest in men disappeared.

At the eighth sitting "complete virility" was added to the above suggestions. The patient felt himself morally elevated and physically strengthened. The neuralgia of the testicles had disappeared. He now found that he was without sexual feeling.

He now believed himself free from masturbation and inverted sexual inclination.

After the eleventh sitting he thought further help was unnecessary. He wished to go home, and marry. He felt well and potent. Early in January, 1890, treatment ceased.

In March, 1890, the patient wrote: "I have since had several occasions on which it has been necessary for me to use all my moral strength in order to overcome my habit, and, thank God, I have been successful in freeing myself from this vice. Several times I have had opportunity for sexual intercourse, and I have found pleasure in it. I look calmly on my happy future."

Other cases successfully treated by suggestion may be found in Wetterstrand, *Der Hypnotismus und seine Anwendung in der praktischen Medicin*, 1891, p. 52 u. ff.; Bernheim, *Hypnotisme*, Paris, 1891, etc., p. 38.

The foregoing details of the successful results of hypnotic suggestion, in cases of acquired sexual inversion, make it seem possible that those unfortunates who are afflicted with congenital perversion may be helped in some degree by the same means.

Of course the proposition is different as regards cases of

a congenital anomaly. To correct a morbid psychosexual existence is a most difficult problem.

The most favorable cases are those of *psychosexual hermaphroditism* in which at least rudimentary heterosexual feelings may be strengthened by suggestion and brought into active practice.

Case 170. Mr. von X., aged twenty-five, landed proprietor. He came of a neuropathic, irascible father, who was said to have been sexually normal. His mother was nervous, as were her two sisters. Maternal grandmother was nervous, and maternal grandfather a *roué*, much given to venery. Patient was like his mother, and an only child. From birth he was weak, suffered much with migraine, and was nervous. He passed through several illnesses. At fifteen he began masturbation, without having been taught.

Until his seventeenth year he never had feeling for men, or, in fact, any sexual inclination; but at this time desire for men arose. He fell in love with a comrade. His friend returned his love. They embraced and kissed and indulged in mutual onanism. Occasionally patient practiced coitus between the man's thighs. He abhorred pederasty. Lascivious dreams were concerned only with men. In circus and theatre males alone interested him. The inclination was for those of about twenty years. Handsome, tall forms were enticing to him. Given these conditions, he was quite indifferent to other characteristics of the men. In his sexual affairs with men his part was always that of a man.

After his eighteenth year the patient was always a source of anxiety to his highly respected parents, for he then began a love affair with a male waiter, who fleeced him and made him an object of remark and ridicule. He was taken home. He consorted with servants and hostlers. He caused a scandal. He was sent away to travel about. In London he got into a "blackmailing scrape," but succeeded in escaping to his home.

He profited in no way by this bitter experience, and again showed disgraceful inclinations toward men. Patient was

