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man. Pus and epithelial cells are likewise present in variable quantities. This defective seminal fluid is sure to give to the fetus the seeds of weakness and decay which are ready to germinate with the first exciting cause. There is no more potent factor in the development of disease. The child of masturbating parents enters the world with vitality so impaired that there is a constant invitation to the attacks of every affection. The child commences life with a highly organized nervous system, morbidly sensitive to every external impression. The muscular and osseous tissues are much softer than they are normally. I have never yet seen a case of rickets in a child whose parents did not give some voluntary or involuntary evidence of a peniculous habit, or of sexual excess of some description.

The digestive and assimilating organs work feebly, little nourishment is taken into the stomach and a portion of that which enters that organ passes unchanged through the alimentary canal. Dyspeptic symptoms of all kinds are commonly present. The integument is thin and pale, and the delicate blue veins are easily traced through its transparent surface. The lymphatic glands are enlarged and liable to suppurative inflammation. The child frets and worries, is generally peevish, complains of headache and grows up thin, puny and weak with all the tendencies which are said to characterize a scrofulous diathesis.

Many cases of pulmonary consumption are directly traceable to the secret sin of the father. It is not so easy to detect the mother's share in the results, for the simple reasons that she cannot be questioned about the matter at all, and because many of the appearances which are found connected with old habits of masturbation are also seen in various forms of uterine disease.

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CHAPTER VI.

DISEASES WHICH RESULT FROM EXCESS AND MASTURBATION.

Deterioration of the Seminal fluid as Cause of Pulmonary Consumption—Changes in the Characters of the Secretions—Hereditary Weakness—Why Phthisis develops as a direct result of Masturbation—Phthisis among young Married Persons—Erotic desires of Consumptive Patients—Epilepsy—Connection of Epilepsy with Onanism—Changes in the Nerve Centers as a Result of the Disease—Convulsive Seizures during the Orgasm—The Center of Sensation and Voluntary Motion—Irritation of the Tubercle Annular causes Convulsions—Termination of Epilepsy or Insanity—Is Insanity caused by Sexual Excess and Masturbation—Opinions of Various Authorities—Peculiar forms of Insanity arising from these Causes—Nymphomania and its causes—Characteristic Cases—Marriage and Amputation of the Clitoris as a Cure for the Disease—Satyriasis—Curious manifestations of Satyriasis—Aspermatism—Sterility.

"The sins of the father shall be visited on the children, even unto the third and fourth generation." Nowhere in the category of disease is the truth of this saying so manifest as in the case of masturbators. The evil that they do lives long after them. Their vicious habits, continued as they are through the period when nature is endeavoring to create a vigorous condition which will resist the wear and tear of active adult life, leave an indelible impress on the whole structure. All the tissues and secretions of the body are affected, and the seminal fluid partakes of the general deterioration. It is thinner, more watery, of a pale yellowish white color, and contains fewer spermatozoa than it does in a healthy condition. The movements of the spermatozoa as seen under the microscope seem to have much less activity than the spermatozoa from a healthy, vigorous

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