

a compromise in the shape of the pains, which served the purpose of a punishment and a penance for the phantasies she regarded as sinful, and thus in her opinion to a certain degree absolved her from the obligation of confessing them and from the sin of not doing so.

What she attacked as a manifestation of the writer's stupidity was really a projection of her own unwilling knowledge that her pains were not organic.

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#### PREGNANT WOMEN WITH INTACT HYMENS

Dr. D. B. There are a number of cases of intact hymens in married and pregnant women on record. The following two cases are cited by Thoinot:

##### INTACT HYMEN IN A GRAVIDA

Two ladies came to Budin's office. "Doctor," said the elder, "I have brought you my daughter; she has been married fourteen months, and nevertheless she continues to be a virgin. The situation is becoming intolerable."

The examination of the genital organs showed that they were regularly formed, only the vaginal orifice was very narrow and absolutely intact; this orifice was very close to the urethra, and the hymen had the form of a crescent. The introduction of the index finger was, nevertheless, possible, and palpation showed the signs of a pregnancy of about three months. The mother and daughter were greatly surprised; they were ignorant of the possibility, the frequency even,—relatively, of course,—of pregnancy with an unruptured hymen.

##### INTACT HYMEN IN A PREGNANT PROSTITUTE

A prostitute 21 years old, a syphilitic, came to the lying-in clinic; she was seven months pregnant (her first pregnancy), and the child was dead. The examination of the genital organs showed that the vaginal orifice was intact; the hymen formed a complete circle. She was delivered of a dead, macerated fetus without losing her hymen, and so returned to her occupation as intact as she had entered the clinic.

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##### A REMARKABLE CASE OF PRECOCIOUS PUBERTY

Dr. Mata, in his "*Tratado de Medicina y Cirurgia Legal*," Madrid, 1846, reports a case of precocious puberty which he saw in the Spanish metropolis, of a girl four years of age, who had regular menstruation since she was three years and three months old. She measured at that time four feet in height and her physical organization was in a state of full puberty. Her intellectual faculties were also much more unfolded than those generally observed in children at that age. Her sexual organs were covered with fine hair, and the