

VII. *Case of an enlarged Nympha.* By Mr. William Morlen, *Surgeon in London.*

THE subject of this case was a young woman, who, at the age of sixteen years, married, and contracted the venereal disease from her husband. A bubo formed, which suppurated; and about four months from the commencement of the disease she perceived a considerable swelling in the entrance of the vagina, of the size of a walnut, which gave her no inconvenience except in the embraces of her husband. The bubo being at this time healed, and no farther remains of the venereal disease (as she thought) seeming to exist, she neglected to consult any one about this swelling for nearly two years, by which time it had attained the size of a man's fist. It now beginning to alarm her, she applied to an apothecary in her neighbourhood, who, after examining it in a cursory manner, pronounced it a *proci-dentia uteri*, and recommended some internal medicines, but made no attempt, so far as I can learn, to reduce it.

The patient, finding no relief from a long continuance of this treatment, by the advice of a midwife

a midwife applied to me, and, upon examination, I found a moveable tumour, of the size before mentioned, projecting from the labia pudendi the distance of four inches. Its pressure on the lymphatics had enlarged the labia pudendi to an enormous degree, and the irritation which it produced in walking, or even sitting, occasioned an increased secretion, or fluor albus, which had excoriated the adjoining parts, so as to form a considerable ulcer *in perinaeo*.

Such was the appearance of things externally. Upon introducing my finger into the vagina, I clearly ascertained the uterus in its natural situation, and unimpregnated, which removed every doubt of the tumour's being that organ; and upon minutely examining the situation and attachment of the tumour, (with the assistance of Dr. Clarke, of Queen Street, Golden Square) it was ascertained to be an enlarged nymphæ of the right side. As the removal of the tumour by the knife seemed to be the only means by which relief could be obtained, we proposed it to our patient; and having obtained her assent to the operation, I performed it on the 30th of March, assisted by Mr. Harris, Surgeon.

The tumour (which is now in the possession of Dr. Clarke) was found, when removed, to weigh seven ounces and one drachm. The hæmorrhage being considerable, we were under the necessity of having recourse to the ligature. After the removal of the tumour the swelling of the labia pudendi gradually gave way to mercurial friction, and the ulcer *in perinæo* soon healed.

Any cohesion of the wounded parts, which might perhaps otherwise have taken place, was prevented by the introduction, into the vagina, of a piece of wax candle, which was continued there till the inflammation of the parts had subsided.

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VIII. *An Account of the good Effects of Electricity in a Case of violent spasmodic Affection.*
By Mr. George Wilkinson, Surgeon at Sunderland, and Member of the Royal College of Surgeons at Edinburgh, &c.

ON the 25th of May, 1788, I was desired to visit Miss A. Crawford, of this place, aged