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THE  
DISEASES OF WOMEN.

CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY: ANATOMY OF PELVIC ORGANS: THE OVARIES; FALLOPIAN TUBES; UTERUS; DOUGLAS'S POUCH; AXIS AND MOVEMENTS OF UTERUS; CHANGES UNDER MENSTRUATION; VAGINA; VULVA.

It may seem superfluous to state that a clear knowledge of anatomy is the antecedent condition of a correct understanding of disease, diagnosis, and treatment. All sound medicine is based upon this proposition. But it is more strictly true of the diseases of women than it is of disease in general. For example, it is quite possible to imagine a satisfactory diagnosis to be made of a fever and to treat it successfully, without any precise knowledge of anatomy; but in the diagnosis and treatment of morbid conditions of the female pelvic organs it is hardly possible to move a step without precise knowledge of their anatomy and physiology; that is, without imminent risk of falling into error in practice.

It therefore becomes especially desirable to introduce the study of the medical and surgical diseases of women by an adequate description of the organs specially concerned. It might be thought to be sufficient to refer the reader for this to any one of the many admirable works on anatomy which we now possess; but this, it would quickly be found, would very imperfectly answer the purpose. Anatomical text-books teach *pure anatomy* only, certainly as far as the diseases of women are concerned. What we want is the *applied anatomy* of the sexual system.

Almost every physiological or pathological condition of the pelvic organs is attended by variations more or less marked either in their tissues, in their shape, size, or in their relative positions, and often in all. Hence the necessity of keeping constantly before us the normal standard by which we may estimate the abnormal deviations and understand how these are to be corrected.

The principal organs we are concerned with are all contained *within the true pelvis*. They are further inclosed or packed between the peritoneum above and the perineum below.

These organs are the ovaries, the Fallopian tubes, the uterus, the vagina, and vulva. The rectum and bladder, also contained within the