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NEW TREATMENT FOR SEXUAL DEVIATES

THE sexual deviate is receiving more careful attention in the courts today than ever before. If an offender is brought into court it is becoming the rule to refer him to the court psychiatrist (or a board of medical experts) to ascertain if the individual is a sexual psychopath or deviate, and whether it is advisable to recommend psychiatric treatment.

With the larger staff of psychiatry experts to study prisoners, the sex deviate has a much better chance of being rehabilitated as a useful and trustworthy citizen. Another factor in favor of the sex offender, who may have committed some minor crime, is the constantly increasing facilities afforded by hospitals where the patient of this type may receive treatment over a sufficient length of time to ensure that he has been mentally orientated. Some of these unfortunates simply need proper guidance to reshape their mode of thinking on sexual and allied subjects.

In a recent article in the *Los Angeles Times* it was revealed that due to an improved method of treatment for sex offenders at the Norwalk State Hospital (California), results have been so successful that out of fifty patients released in the last two years, only one has returned due to repetition of his offense. The remaining 49 have given a very good account of themselves, leading normal and happy lives, with their previous uncontrollable and offensive sexual desires now under control.

If the individual is examined by the court's psychiatrists and appears to be suffering from sexual frustrations, he may be confined legally to a city, county or State hospital for observation for three months. After this study the hospital prepares a statement giving recommendations. This report and the defendant are turned over to the court. If the hospital staff has found the patient suitable for treatment, in their opinion, it is within the jurisdiction of the court to have the individual committed to the hospital until the staff psychiatrists deem him safe to return to society. Dr. John A. Mitchell, in charge of all treatment at the Norwalk State Hospital, states that treatment of sex deviates requires from one to two years.

Where the subject is confused with a purely psychological problem, he undergoes a series of psychotherapy sessions. The Norwalk State Hospital has over 350 sex patients, of which more than 60 are observation cases, the remainder being on "indefinite commitment."

As long as the sex patient remains in the State, after his release, from the hospital, he is still under the control of the authorities. The probation period provided by law, is from 5 to 10 years. But the patient is under a life-time registration with law enforcement officers, as long as he remains in California.

Only 5 per cent of all known sex offenders are of the violent type, said Dr. Trent Bessent, chief psychiatrist at the hospital. The public is too prone to place all sex deviates in the *dangerous* classification. Of all those who have committed offenses against children, only a few are of the type that become violent.

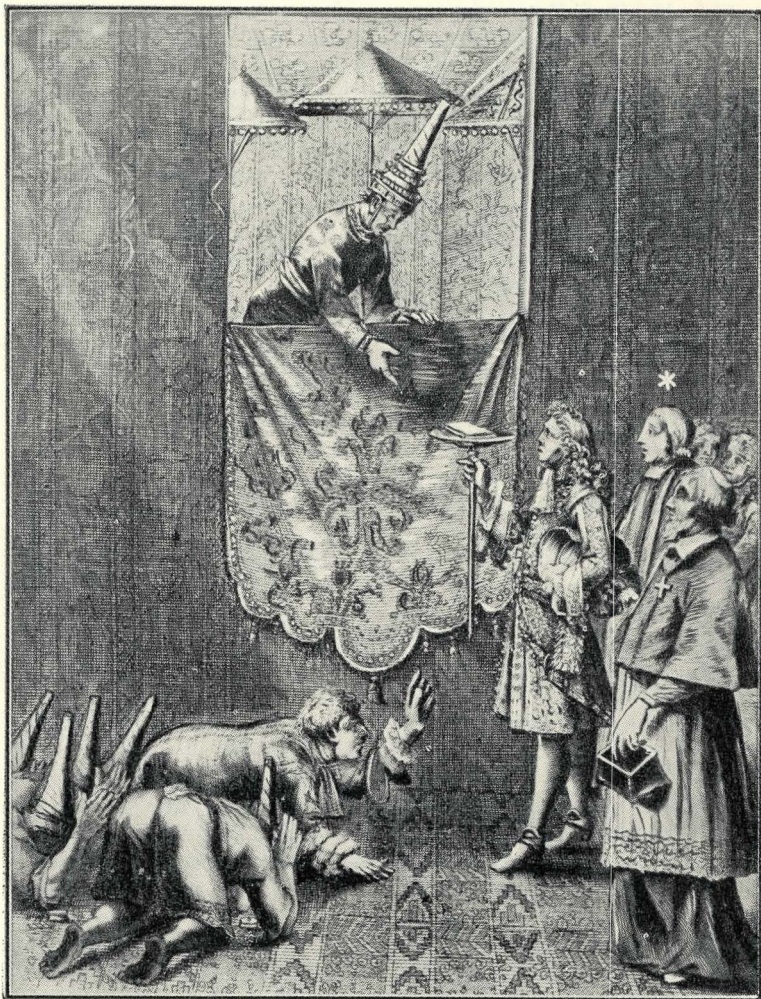
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Solemn audience given by the King of Siam to M. le Chevalier de Chaumont, Ambassador Extraordinary of his Majesty (French). He was accompanied by Clergymen, M. l'Eveque de Metellopolis and M. l'Abbé de Choisy (indicated by star), and two other Frenchmen who followed them on this voyage. Chevalier de Chaumont is seen presenting his letter of introduction to His Majesty, the King of Siam, on a golden presentation plate; the King of Siam bends down to receive it. His principal minister dressed in French clothing and the premier Mandarins prostrate themselves before the Ambassador; as soon as he has made the presentation he starts his speech.

He Becomes a Countess!

THE reprimand he had received while in the theater box of the Dauphin rankled within François and he decided to leave Paris and reside in the provinces. He sold his house, dismissed his servants, and hired a new lady's maid and a coachman. Other servants he would hire later, elsewhere.

"I will keep my *real* sex a secret," he said to himself, "since embittered people take a sadistic pleasure in scolding."

Not even his personal maid should discover his *real* sex! And so François became *Madame la Comtesse de Barres!* He had recently purchased the Castle of Crépon near Bourges. He sent his furniture, works of art, etc., ahead of him to be received and arranged by other servants who

awaited their new "Mistress" at the Chateau.

A large, enclosed, black traveling coach, with the escutcheon of the Countess on its doors, waited in front of the de Choisy residence. Six fine horses impatiently pawed the ground as an elegant lady in a large, plumed hat and travelling cloak, entered the coach followed by her pretty, young maid carrying several hat-boxes.

After an uneventful journey, Madame la Comtesse arrived at her Chateau and was soon installed in her new residence with the opulence and good taste to which she was accustomed. It wasn't long before the "Countess" became an outstanding hostess in that part of the country. The food she served was exquisite, and her elegance impressive. So her dinner invitations were much sought after,

DE CHOISY...

Prince of Transvestites

by Prof. Héctor Uribe Troncoso
Mexico, D. F.

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Part 2

The Abbé François Timoléon de Choisy, a prominent figure in France at the time of Louis XIV, was undoubtedly the prince of all transvestites. As Prof. Troncoso mentions, the mode of clothing young boys in dresses up to the age of six (which was common at the time) had a great deal to do with de Choisy's desire to wear feminine clothes. He even wore gowns to royal receptions when he had grown to manhood. Much can be learned from this article on the influence of the unusual background surrounding de Choisy's boyhood.

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especially by gentlemen who enjoyed luxurious food.

"I wish my daughter could meet you, Madame la Comtesse," said one of her new neighbors—a lady well regarded in the community. "She is a teen-age girl and needs to learn deportment, how to dress well, etc."

"You may bring her to me," replied the "Countess," "but if she really wants to learn, she must remain with me for a few days at the Chateau."

The lady raised polite objections at first, but later, the girl was left in charge of the "Countess." "She had a lovely bust," wrote de Choisy in his *Mémoires*, "but she needed clothes that would emphasize her good points." So Madame herself experimented with draped effects, and gave instructions to an expert dressmaker (with tongue in cheek, we suspect). The young lady was also duly instructed in arranging flowers in vases, dinner-table arrangements, curtsying, etc. She grew quite fond of Madame la Comtesse and returned to her mother rather sorry to end her pleasant visit.

The next to occupy a place in Madame's affections was an actress who was not quite so young, nor so innocent, as her predecessor. She involved the pseudo Countess in difficulties and after some time, Madame thought it best to return to Paris.

(Using the manuscripts left by de Choisy, there was published anonymously in 1735, eleven years after his death, an "Histoire de Madame la Comtesse de Barres.")

De Choisy Receives Title of Abbot (Abbé)

Once more in Paris, François cast off his rôle of Madame la Comtesse de Barres and resumed living as Madame de Choisy.

One sunny, spring morning he received a visit from his uncle whom he had not seen in years. François received him as he was finishing his morning toilette and had just donned one of his most becoming dresses.

"Are you verily my nephew François?" asked the uncle. "I had been informed by some of our relatives that you dressed as a lady, yet I wished to be sure."

"I am François Timoléon de Choisy," replied François. "And I likewise wish to make sure of your identity." The uncle then showed some papers that identified him. François was satisfied.

"I am fully aware," continued the uncle, "that your mother raised you as a girl, so you should not be censured, much less condemned, for dressing and acting in the manner which you were taught. Yet it would seem advisable—for your own good—to adopt *masculine* garb. I'm not saying you look badly. On the contrary, you *do* look well, I must admit, and you show excellent taste and fashionable style."

A pleased smile spread across François's dainty features as he sat at his dressing table applying the last touches to his make-up; a few dabs of perfume to his temples, and he turned a little to face his uncle, while at the same time arranging the folds of his long skirt that fell gracefully to the

carpet, so that the lace hem of the petticoat showed prettily.

"Thank you, *mon oncle*, for your nice compliments. I can see you mean well. My mother, whom you and I loved so much, brought me up as though I were a girl. I suppose a part of me is feminine. I took to it. And now it would be difficult for me to change overnight from feminine to masculine garb. Last time I tried it, people thought gentlemen's attire did not become me. You know what M. de La Fayette said."

"Yes, I know," agreed the uncle. "But let us discuss it amicably, and see what can be done. Some people are becoming inclined to scandal." (The King had heard gossip and expressed his displeasure.)

"We will discuss it while taking a ride in my carriage, if you like," offered François; to which his uncle assented cheerfully.

They came to like and understand each other well, and the result of the conversation was that François allowed himself to be persuaded into taking a trip to Venice, in *gentlemen's attire*.

But he soon returned to Paris and once more dressed as a lady.

He now remembered he had inherited the title—and the income that went with it—of Abbé of Saint Seine in Burgundy. (Before the French Revolution, abbés—meaning abbots—were often merely holders of benefices, receiving a portion of the revenues of the monasteries, although they were only in minor orders, or were even laymen. An abbot wore a violet-colored robe.) (Consult any large

dictionary or reference work.)

So François left Paris and went to Saint Seine to claim his title and his benefice.

To Rome with Cardinal Bouillon

About this time (1676), Cardinal Bouillon was preparing to leave for Rome to attend the Conclave which would elect a Pope to succeed Clement X. As was customary, he would take several secretaries and attendants in his entourage.

"I would like to accompany the Cardinal to Rome," François told some of his influential friends. So after some "string pulling" he was appointed as one of the Secretaries to Cardinal Bouillon.

"The Abbé de Choisy," commented the Cardinal, "is a cultured person, knows some Latin and is well acquainted with the aristocracy. He will be useful to us." So the Abbé would go as Conclavist.

At this time, Philippe, the younger brother of Louis XIV, was at the height of his career. He had been made Duke of Orleans in 1660 when the title had become vacant through the death of its previous incumbent who left no heirs. It is reasonable to suppose that the Duke was largely instrumental in securing the appointment for de Choisy, his childhood friend. So the Abbé de Choisy gathered a few books but much clothing and accessories, and made his baggage ready for a long trip by stage-coach to Rome.

At Rome, de Choisy's work was not difficult. He did the work assigned and prided himself on his ability to make friends.

The celebrated Cardinal De Retz, then residing in Rome, who was known for his lavish entertaining, received de Choisy with open arms. After the Conclave and the election of the new Pope, one of numerous feasts and banquets of celebration was held at the luxurious palace of De Retz. It was a fancy dress ball, and the Abbé among others, attended *in lady's costume*. Not long afterwards de Choisy returned to Paris.

Envoy of France to Siam

About this time Louis XIV had been advised that the King of Siam desired to become Catholic and it was suggested to him that a Special Embassy be sent to Siam.* De Choisy asked the King to be given the honor of being a French envoy.

He soon was given the position of Special Envoy Coadjutor and accompanied the Ambassador as second in command. On March 3, 1685, the Embassy sailed from Brest.

At a later feast in honor of the French visitors the King would not attend. De Choisy went gorgeously arrayed in feminine evening gown, make-up and jewelry. The Siamese thought it was merely a European custom, of some sort.

The French Diplomatic Mission was back at Brest on June 10, 1686. "That Mission," some people said, "didn't accomplish much, if anything." But they forgot that the brilliant civilization of France had thus established contact, however brief, with a nation of the Far East.

Louis le Grand (King Louis

*See "Grand Dictionnaire Universel," par Pierre Larousse, Tome IV, page 174.

XIV) received de Choisy well, on his return from Siam. But now Cardinal Bouillon was no longer at Court. "Since my friend and patron," thought de Choisy, "is no longer at Court, I will devote my time to writing my *Mémoires*." But first he wrote a panegyric in praise of Louis XIV. ("Vie de Salomon," 1687). In spite of his mediocre writing, he was made a *Member of the French Academy*.

But it is for his *Mémoires* that he is mostly remembered, for in these he describes in detail the customs of his time.

"I have experienced," he writes, "the greatest joys that a human being can have on this earth." And he lived to be eighty.

His relations with men, when he lived as a *lady*, were only frivolous or flirty and never went further than that.

"I have no enemies, to my knowledge," he wrote, "but if I should learn that anyone has become my enemy, I should at once offer to make peace."

The Abbé de Choisy had so many and so different facets to his personality that it was remarkable they could all belong to one and the same person. *His life was truly fantastic!*

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WHAT CAUSES SIAMESE TWINS?

WHAT causes Siamese twins to occur? Siamese twins are joined together by a bond of flesh at the abdomen, or at some other part of the bodies. Dr. Walter C. Alvarez recently explained in the *New York Herald Tribune* how this strange effect happens. In the early stages of the formation of the unborn child, when the ovum (female egg) divides into two parts (there is an outer and an inner layer of cells that will eventually form the outside and the inside of the body) it may happen that the cells become entirely separated. If this occurs, similar (alike) twins may form and grow. If, as the cell of the fertilized egg divides and splits up into two cells and again divides into four cells, etc., the first four divisions should by chance separate entirely, the result would be that the woman would have quadruplets. If, in the early division of the cells, some of them should remain connected together, the final result will be that the twins will be joined together (Siamese twins). If the bridge joining the twins is free from important organs, the twins can readily be separated by surgery soon after birth. If the bridge between the babies is more complicated (in some cases the twins *share* some important organ) it is very difficult—perhaps impossible—to perform an operation to separate the joined bodies.

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What Is Your Sex Knowledge?

Test Yourself by This Questionnaire

- (1) During medieval times with whom were the witches thought to have had sexual relations? (*See page 5*)
- (2) For what purpose were chastity belts for *males* invented? (*See page 13*)
- (3) Does the female require a longer time to reach a climax than the male? (*See page 28*)
- (4) How important is pre-coital foreplay? (*See page 29*)
- (5) May a woman have two sets of ovaries? (*See page 35*)
- (6) Is sex frankness essential to a happy marriage? (*See page 39*)
- (7) What causes frigidity in women? (*See page 41*)
- (8) What should sex education include? (*See page 43*)
- (9) Who should teach sex to children? (*See page 45*)
- (10) What causes impotence in the male? (*See page 47*)

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