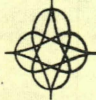


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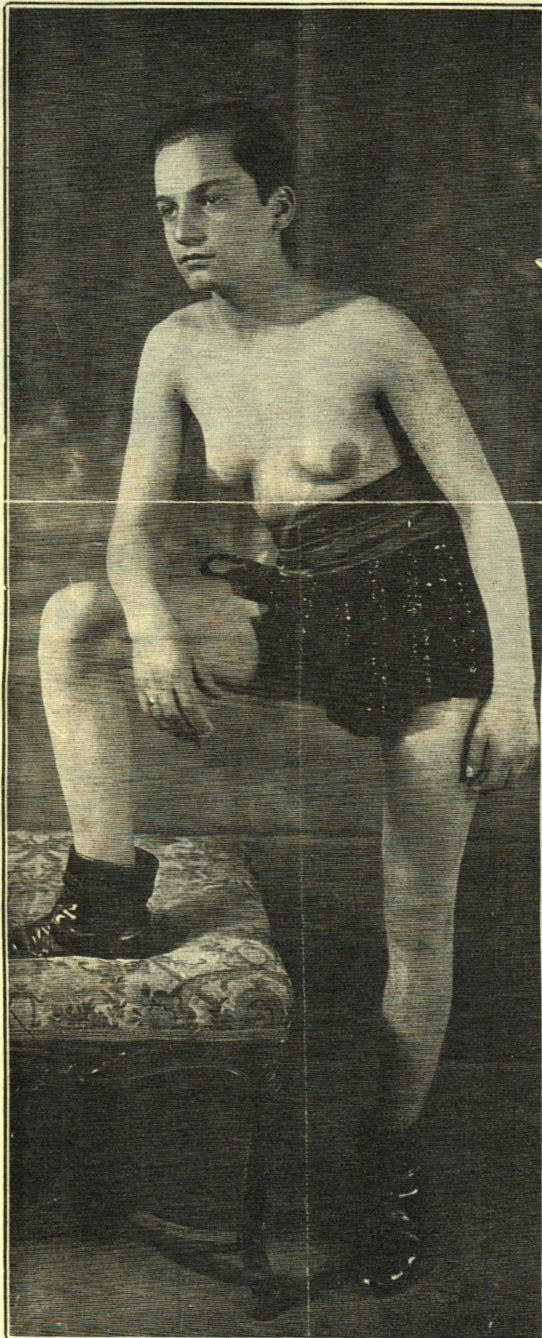


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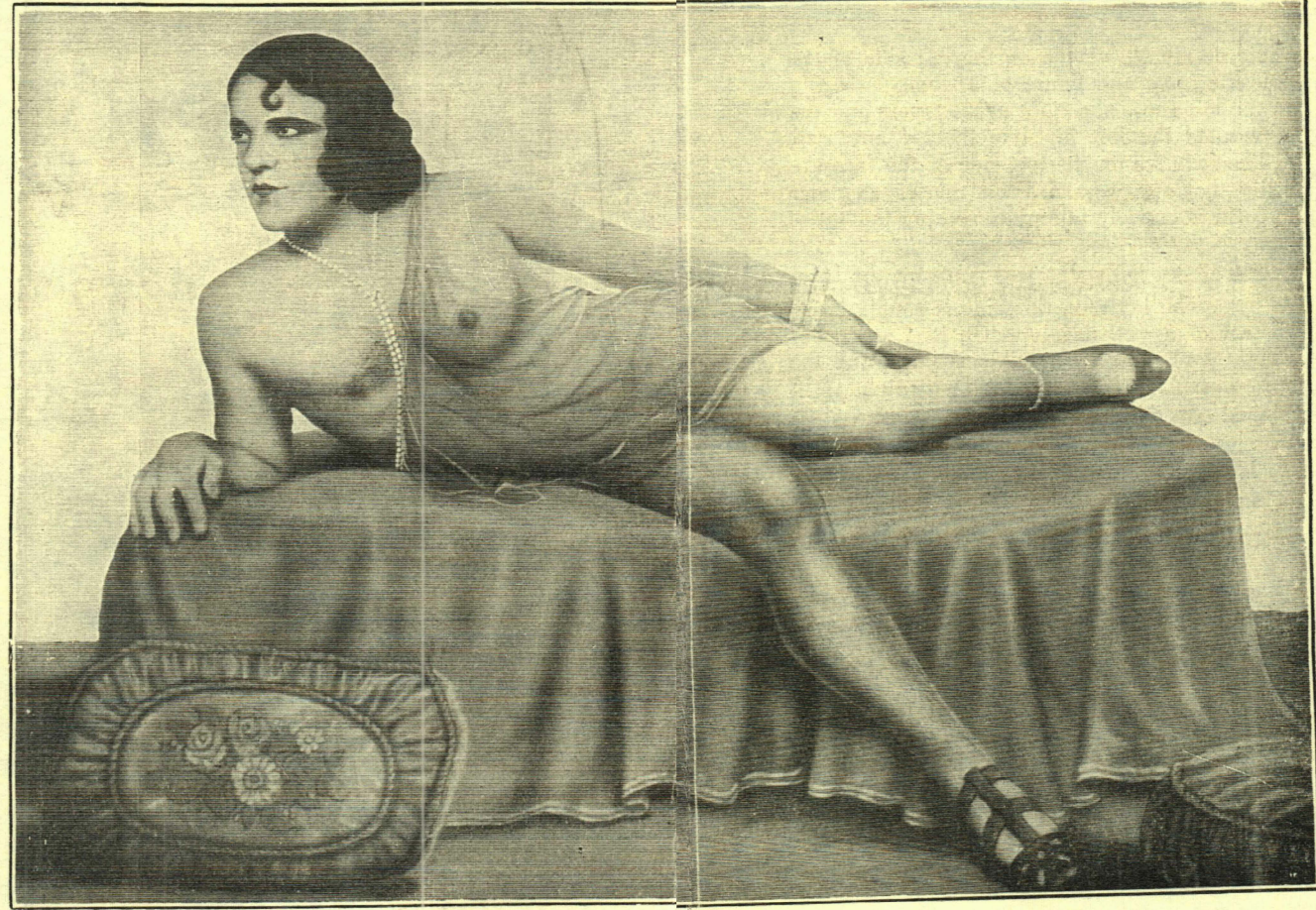
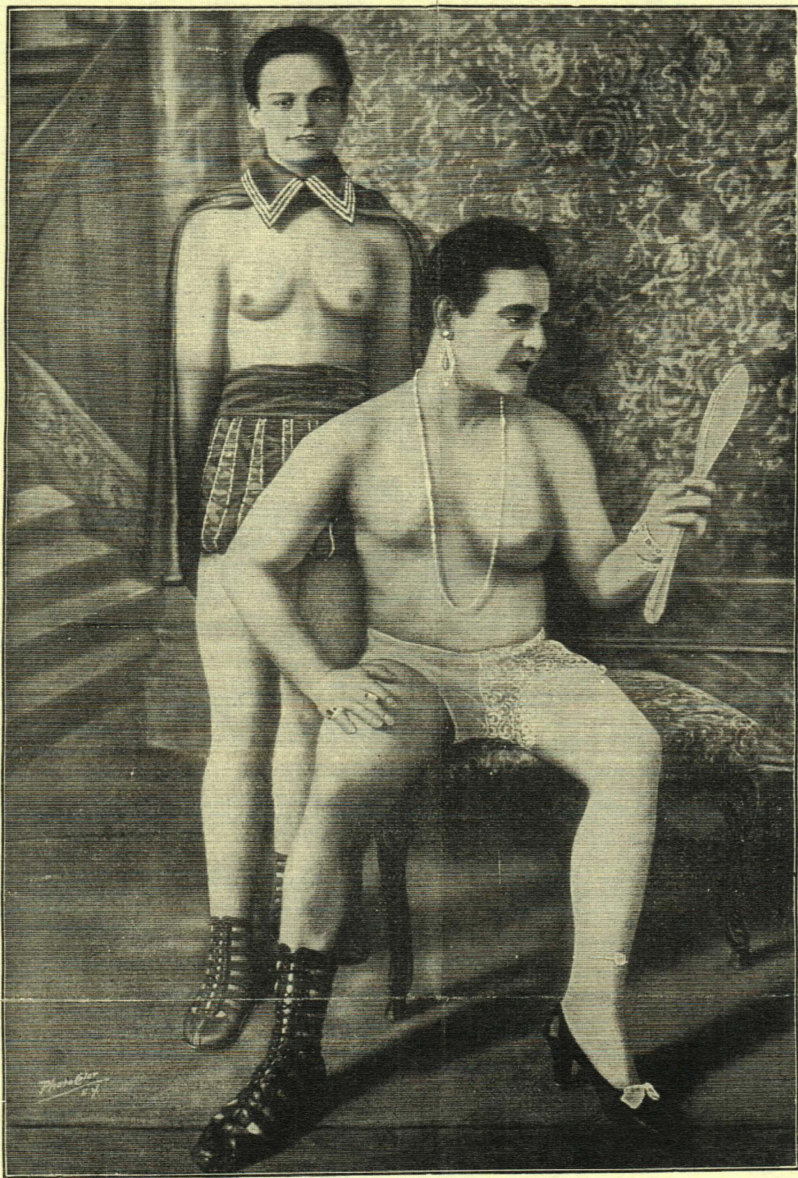
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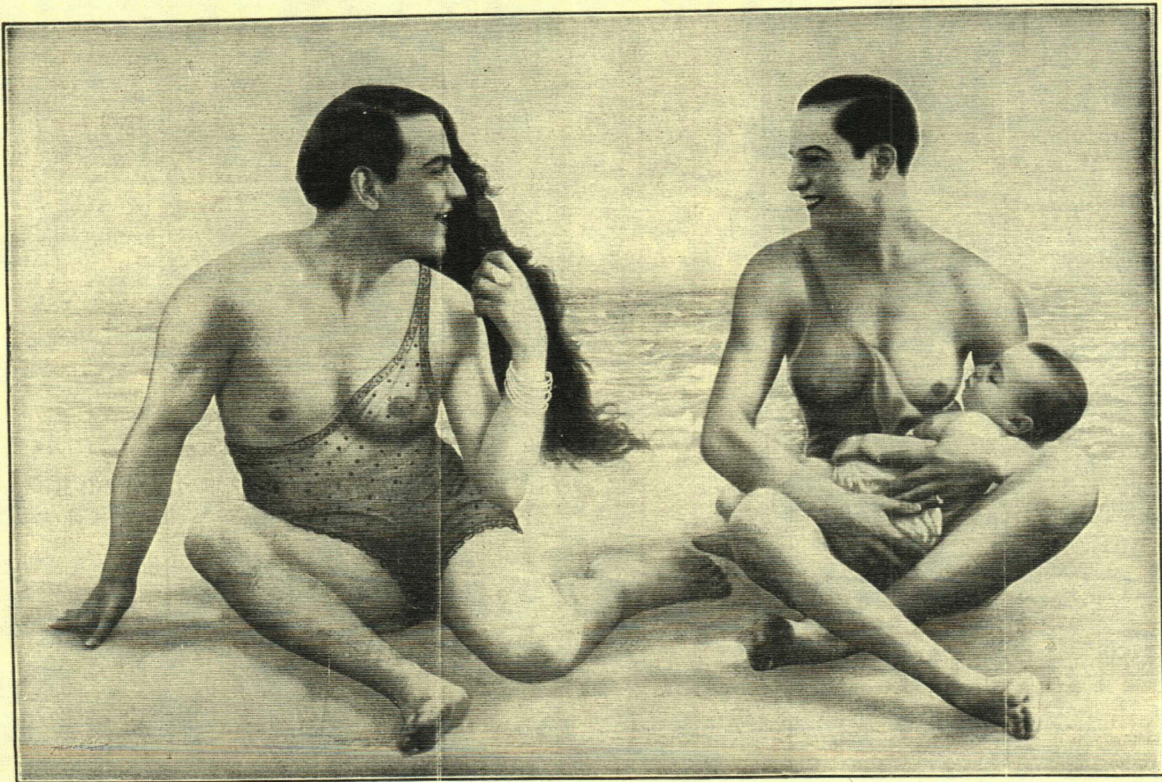
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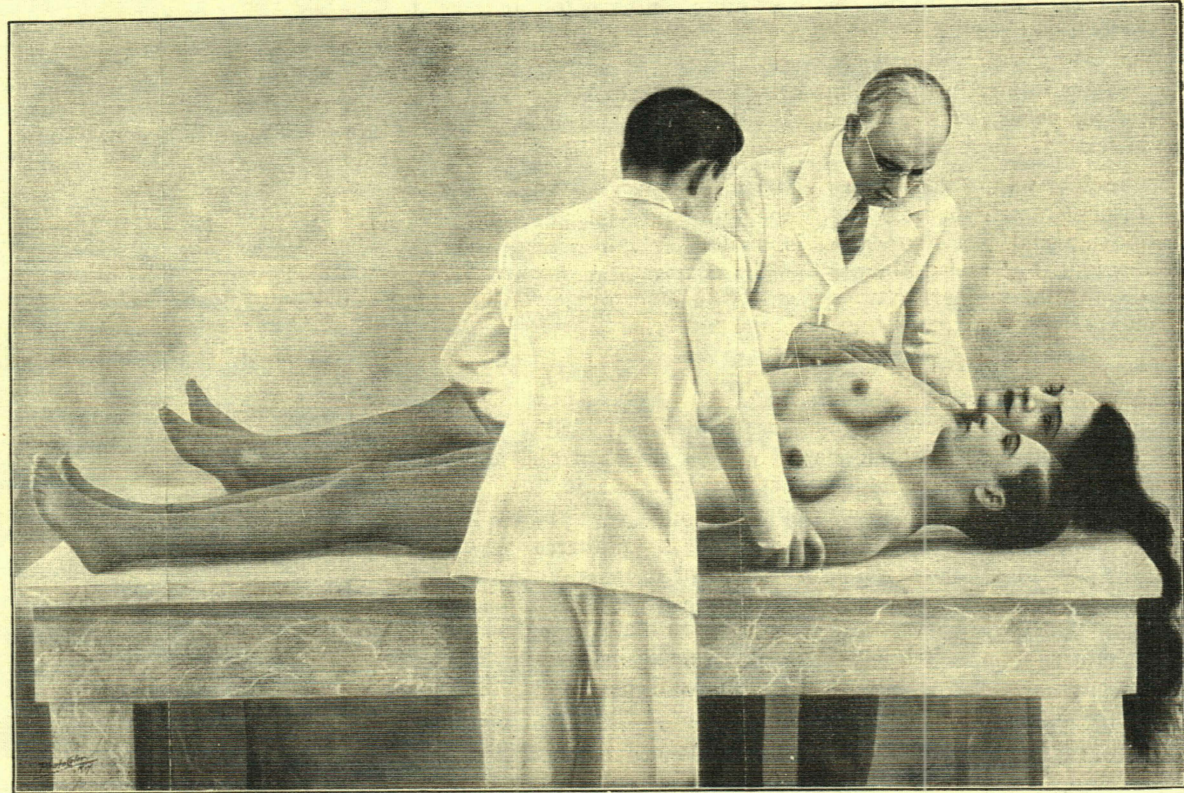


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HERMAPHRODITISM

There are many questions asked of and about me and my brother, and our condition, therefore I shall in a general way attempt to answer them herein. However, I shall first touch upon the double sex problem.

HERMAPHRODITISM, as it is called, is defined in the Standard Dictionary as "That which has the sexual characteristics of both male and female in the same body."

Some writers claim that ADAM was the first HERMAPHRODITE, and support this by Scriptural evidence.

In some of the ancient poets we find traces of an Egyptian Legend in which the goddess of the Moon was both male and female.

According to Mythology, Hermaphroditus was the son of Hermes and Aphrodite, and that he had the powers of both father and mother.

Ovid and Virgil both refer to legendary hermaphrodites, and the knowledge of their existence was prevalent in older times.

A FEW CASES

Reputable physicians in later years have reported cases where the person involved believed him or herself to be a man or a woman, until middle life, when the opposite sex asserted itself within that same body.

Catherine or Charles Hoffman, born in Germany, 1824, was considered a female until the age of 46. She married a woman and lived happily with her for some years.

Marie Madeline LeFort of France believed herself to be a woman for many years, and in 1864 came to the Hotel Dieu asking treatment for Pleurisy. At that time she or he was about 65 years of age, but presented the appearance of a venerable old man with a long white beard. After two months this patient died. An autopsy was held and the essentials of both sexes were then discovered in that same body.

Adelaide Preville was married as a female and lived as such. The last ten years of her life were spent in France. When dead, the body was dissected and it was discovered to be that of a man. Apparently the law of evolution in hermaphroditism prevents perfection.

Many interesting questions arise and extraordinary complications occur thus leaving much yet to be discussed legally and socially as to this condition we call Hermaphroditism.

Mother nature knows no rights, she knows no wrong. Yet furnishes enough marvels to set one thinking. The marvelous is the unusual, yet that which is unusual is not necessarily miraculous. The real wonder is that the people exist at all, and in the face of mother nature's great performance of miracles, ordinary freakdom pales into insignificance.

AS TO MYSELF

I was born in France, November 4, 1899. At birth I was given the name of Alberta. I was brought up as a girl and mingled with girls at school and at play with no idea as to what was taking place within my body.

At the age of ten years and eight months or thereabouts, the left side of my body was growing out of proportion to the right side. My mother became alarmed and called in the family physician. A thorough examination disclosed that I was developing the characteristics and form of a female in and on the left side of my body, while the right side was developing the characteristics and form of a male.

If you observe closely my photographs you will note the following characteristics:

There is no hair or muscle visible on the left side of the body. You will note the form and figure of a woman wearing a size 4½ shoe on the left foot. The right ankle tapers and the limb forms to accentuate the left hip like that of any well developed female. The features on the left side of the face are soft and moulded like that of a woman. From the left shoulder to the left hip the form is entirely feminine, making the entire left side of my body a perfect half woman.

On the right side of my body you will confront the form and physique of a man. The body on this side is rough, hairy and muscular like that of a well developed male. I wear size 8½ shoe on my right foot. The right ankle is large and the right lower limb is muscular, extending to the straight right hip which is developed like that of a man. The features on the right side of my face are hard and rough like that of a well matured male . . . My right arm is longer and stronger than my left arm.

WHAT AM I?

Some of the questions frequently asked me are: 'How do you dress on the street?' "Have you ever been in love?" "Whose company do you prefer and enjoy most, male or female?"

THE ANSWER

For 20 years of my life I have worn female attire. The past few years I have been wearing male attire because it is much easier to wear and makes me less conspicuous.

I was in love many times, yet I could never afford to let love affairs run away with me because I might not be what a young lady might expect; at the same time I would be a terrible disappointment to a young man. Therefore, I cannot marry.

I have many good friends of both sexes. I enjoy one as much as the other.

MY APPEARANCES IN PUBLIC

I came to this country at a fairly early age in the care of a noted medical man of France, and was at first exhibited in leading hospitals and medical schools throughout the civilized world.

I later exhibited in all the major theatrical circuits of United States and Canada, under the direction of Sam Wagner, famous Coney Island Showman.

HOW WE FEEL ABOUT IT

Sex pervades all nature. We might be one thing to the artist, another to the physician and still something else to the public. One man's faculties are not enough to penetrate this wholly fascinating mystery of nature.

We learn from our studies in Botany that the trees, flowers, and particularly clinging ivy and the blood red rose of lust are hemaphroditical and that they contain within the one calyx, the organs of self generation.

Have appeared in all leading Theatres throughout European Countries, also leading American Theatres. Also appeared before millions of people at the World Circus Side Show, Coney Island, the largest Show of its kind.

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BIOGRAPHY

DOUBLE BODIED

HALF WOMAN

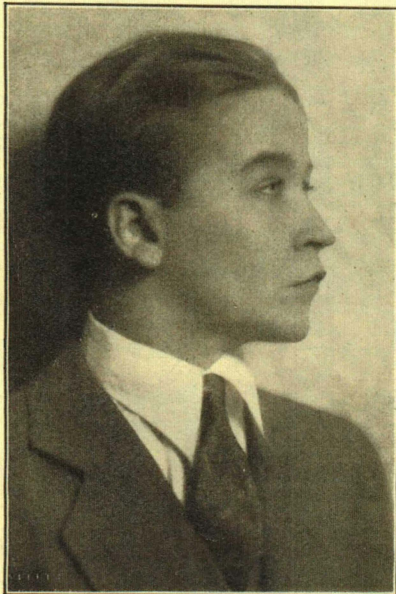
HALF MAN

In response to many questions that are put to me daily by interested visitors, I am printing a few facts about myself that may be of interest to all.

I was born in August, 1906, a short distance from Cracow. To be exact, I am Ukranian, and very proud of that fact. My people are middle class farmers working hard and, like most farmers, not making much money.

At the time of my birth I was given the name of Joseph and until the age of 12 was regarded as an ordinary boy, dressed and mixed with other boys. Just after reaching the age of 12, I understand I began to act queerly and the family doctor, after many visits, decided that I possessed both sexes.

I was operated upon by Dr. J. A. Berenstein. After I recovered I found myself in a very uncomfortable position, for my former boy companions would have nothing to do with me as I was wearing girl's clothes. And neither would the girls for they looked upon me as a dressed-up boy. Everywhere I went people would point at me and whisper to each other. Finally this continued to such an extent that life became almost unendurable, and so I stayed in the house, very seldom going out. I became what you call in this country a "home girl," one of those domestic slaves who do everything for everybody that nobody else wants to do—and gets nothing for it. And so my life went on day after day and year after year. I used to get so depressed in spirits that I often thought of killing myself. I would have run away, but did not know where I could go.

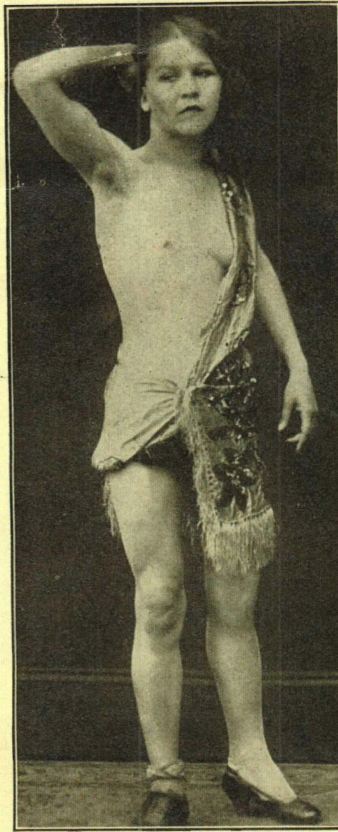


Josephine-Joseph

Double Bodied

Half Woman

Half Man



AGE 22 YEARS

BORN IN AUSTRIA

And then one day a young American came to us and made a proposition to take me to America and exhibit me. My father would not listen to it and neither would I, for I thought it meant being held up to ridicule. Finally he went away saying he would return in a year's time. Two months after that I began to receive a lot of illustrated newspapers and magazines, and then I received a beautiful letter from his wife. I got my tutor to translate these and then I got papers and letters by nearly every mail.

And then one Sunday my American friend arrived again and this time with his wife. By this time I was just as eager to get to America as I was terrified on his first visit. They were very nice, but they said nothing about taking me back with them. A week went by and then 10 days passed and not a word.

I fretted and worried for fear they did not intend to take me. I got in an awful frame of mind. The woman of me cried and the man of me cussed. Then on the Thursday of the second week they just said casually that I had better go back home with them. I need scarcely say I fairly jumped with joy and consented. And so here I am, perfectly contented with my condition, surrounded by good friends who never let trouble reach me.

In short, I am sitting on top of the world looking through rose-colored glasses.

Here will be found answers to questions generally asked. The language used is guarded, in order to make the meaning obscure to children, into whose hands this booklet may fall.

What was the object or nature of the operation spoken of?

From the time of birth until the age of 12, there were external signs of the female sex. The operation was intended to give the female sex characteristics a chance to develop externally. At the same time certain internal adjustments were made and the further development of the male sex was retarded.

Why—if Josephine-Joseph was a boy until the age of 12—was the development of the male sex discouraged and the female sex encouraged?

That was a matter for the operating physician alone to decide.

Could Josephine-Joseph become a Mother?

No. Aside from the fact that there is a total absence of sex impulse or desire, there are other positive signs that Josephine-Joseph would never reproduce. This aside from the fact that Josephine-Joseph is much the same as any normal healthy woman of the same age.



JOSEPHINE

What is Josephine-Joseph's mental condition?

Unusually bright. Can speak five or six languages—good English, Russian, Polish, Ukranian and some of the less known languages of Mid-Europe. Is an adept at building radio sets, and is expert at fine needle-work.

What is the cause of this unusual birth?

One guess is as good as another. No one can tell. One professor expressed an opinion that it was caused by a fusion of two germs. And another professor said, "Impossible. Germs can't fuse, but one strong germ might swallow a weak one." Another said Josephine-Joseph was just a pathological variation. That sounds a lot, but does not mean a thing. As no two of us are alike, are we not all pathological variations? The best explanation is that nature had an off day.

Are there any other half-women-half men?

There is only one other on exhibition and that is Elsie Stirk. But whilst double sexed births are rare they are not so infrequent as most people imagine. The medical examinations for the draft for the World War showed a percentage of sex abnormalities far higher than anyone imagined. All others are frauds, and those exploiting them could—and should—be arrested for fraudulent advertising.

Is Josephine-Joseph what is called a Hermaphrodite?

Yes and no. That word is now applied to all double sex births, but it is not correct to do so. An Hermaphrodite should be 100 per cent. of both sexes, and should be self-producing. True Hermaphroditism only exists amongst certain low forms of animal life.

What is Josephine-Joseph's voice—male or female?

Josephine-Joseph has two voices. Generally through cultivation and use, speaks in the female voice. But the male voice always asserts itself under stress of emotion—such as anger, fear or pity.

