

LIFE-TIME DISGUISE OF SEX.—There died at Brussels, on the 15th of March, a person who had long been in the employ of the Minister of Finance, known by the name of Thomas de Croismare, and sixty-eight years old at the time of decease. At the washing of the body previous to interment, *it was discovered to be that of a female.*—The astonishment, in the large circle of the deceased's acquaintance was profound, as her whole life time was known circumstantially, and had been full of events peculiarly presumptive of the masculine sex.—Croismare was a Lieutenant at the battle of Moskowa, and was wounded, at the battle of Waterloo, in the shoulder and mouth.—After giving up her commission, she entered into civil life; held an office in the custom house, and was book-keeper to two different merchants. In the service of the Minister of Finance, subsequently, she had risen by good conduct to a post of considerable trust. In social life, she had been held in high estimation for her talents in poetry and music, to which she devoted much of her leisure—playing admirably on the violoncello and giving lessons gratuitously to several intimate friends. Nothing ever gave these friends, or any acquaintances the least reason to suspect that Thomas de Croismare was a woman. It was thought to be a nervous peculiarity that she was uneasy and annoyed if any one fixed his eyes upon her very attentively, and her walk was thought to be rather affectedly cavalier. It was probably in the effort to conceal her sex more effectually that de Croismare was particularly gallant in attentions to women, and at one time made proposition of marriage to a young lady of Brussels, who fortunately declined the proffered hand.—*Home Journal.*