

AN ODD CONNEXION! It is stated in a Manchester [Eng.] paper, that a respectable female waited upon an attorney of that town for advice, in a case of a very peculiar nature. Her husband, she stated was a master brick-layer, and had always trusted her with his business; leaving the book-keeping necessary for her to do, &c. until lately; he had refused to allow her the usual weekly sum for house-keeping, and treated her unkindly in other respects. She declared, to the astonishment of the attorney, that her husband was not a man, but a woman; which induced him to bring the case before a magistrate, who directed him to bring the parties before a Police for a private examination. This was done, and the husband was examined by Mr Oliver, surgeon to the Police, who declared that *he* was a FEMALE!

She did not attempt to deny her sex, and contented herself with saying that her wife had been led to make this exposure because she had withheld the weekly allowance of money for housekeeping expenses. The wife denied this charge, and stated that her husband was occasionally intoxicated, and treated her ill. She also stated that she had accidentally made this discovery of the sex of her husband two or three years since, and had kept the secret till the present time.

It appeared, on further examination, that this female husband had assumed the garb and character of a boy at an early age, was bound apprentice to a master builder, in a large town in Yorkshire, when she was 16 or 17. She was good looking, with a handsome form and features, and attracted the attention of many females in the same condition of life, and finally married the one who made the complaint against her, and moved to Manchester about the year 1829, and commenced business as a builder, and being skilful and industrious, was very successful.

It is about 25 years since she first disguised her sex, during which time she has been engaged in one of the most laborious and hazardous masculine employments.—She was for many years special constable in Manchester, and on all occasions was one of the most forward and active in the performance of her duty, being first on the ground in case of a riot, and an eye witness to many scenes that must have been revolting to the feelings of a female. She was married in 1816, when the wife was only 17 years old. Altogether, this is one of the most singular cases that ever come to our knowledge.