

*What Female Medical Students are capable of.*—We find the following remarkable statements in a communication to the *Philadelphia Medical and Surgical Reporter* from Dr. J. W. Sherry, of Brooklyn, N. Y., on “The Status of Women Physicians” :—

Some twenty young ladies presented themselves at a clinic and lecture in one of the New York hospitals. The surgeon announced that the subject would be *Hernia*; and, not wishing to shock the delicacy of the fair auditors, he suggested the propriety of their withdrawal. Several hundred young men were present, and he thought it unfitting that the young ladies should remain. *They did not retire*, but occupied the *nearest seat*, while eighteen *male patients* were exhibited, necessarily in a state of *NUDITY*!

At another hospital, lithotomy was to be performed on a man. Eight members of “the little band of true-hearted women, just entering the medical profession,” appeared to witness it. The surgeon, from motives of delicacy, asked them to retire, and he sat down to await the result. But they moved not. He thereupon announced that if they did not withdraw, the operation would be postponed, or done privately. *Then*, they left.

The writer remarks, in another part of his letter :—

One would think that the *ordeal* through which a woman has to pass, who studies *all* the branches of medical science *along with men*, witnesses *all* operations in the presence of large numbers of *men*, studies her anatomy over the stinking, decaying, mutilated cadaver, in company with men, would be enough to make any right-minded woman recoil with a shudder at the mere mention of such a career for *her*. If the communities whose “moral sense” commends this “revolution,” knew the details of this horrible curriculum *for a woman*, there is not a decent family in the land into which the admission of a woman who had passed through it, would not be, at least, *prejudiced*. Many would close their doors against her.