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OPPOSITION TO WHICH HE WAS SUBJECTED

"THERE IS NOTHING MORE THANKLESS THAN THE ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE ANY FIELD  
OF PUBLIC OPINION."

## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

THE preparation of this new edition has enabled me not only to revise it, but to explain and elucidate some of the difficulties experienced by my readers.

I have therefore included many more cases, and examples explanatory of different points have also been added. In order to do this and yet keep the volume nearly to its original size, some matter not strictly relevant to the chief subject of the book has been omitted.

Further experience and testing of the theory have led to but little alteration or modification of the conclusions therein contained. The book has not only shown members of my own profession how to determine the sex of the next child for some of their patients, but that I had also succeeded in making the book comprehensible, and practically useful to the intelligent layman, is evident from the receipt of many grateful letters from readers of the book, previously quite unknown to me; I therefore hope that this revised edition will be more than ever helpful to all who desire to exercise a reasoned control over the sex of their offspring.

The appearance of this new edition now must be deemed most opportune, for owing to the abnormally heavy drain on the manhood of the country, the birth of sons to the nation becomes an Imperial necessity. And here I wish to



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point out once again, that those who desire to study the Human Family *must*—as was stated in *The Mendel Journal*—“quit the experimental garden and cloister, and pass out into the world of his fellows”; for from his fellow-creatures, rather than the invertebrata and plants, will he learn the details and mysteries of human families, and so gather confirmation of the views expressed in this book.

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## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

I HAVE written this book, not as the outcome of a sudden inspiration or guess, but as the result of prolonged and careful study; hence I trust the reader will form his conclusions thereon only after careful perusal of it.

The problem of the Causation of Sex in Mankind has always been a fascinating one, and only recently it has been described as "on the borderland of the insoluble."

Some hitherto insoluble questions have been solved, for example, by Marconigrams, Radiograms, and Submarine Warships; others are being assailed, for both Arctic and Antarctic expeditions are attempting to solve the Polar question, while the conquest of the air by aerial machines and dirigible balloons will not apparently be long delayed.

Such examples, therefore, encourage the attempt to solve the question of the Causation of Sex, and supply a valid reason for the production of my book, the more especially as I claim to have discovered Nature's secret.

This theory is built up essentially on clinical material and facts, and thus differs from Schenk's theory, which recently startled the world. The latter looked like an attempt to give a scientific flavour to the old nursery rhyme that—

"Sugar and spice and all things nice,  
That is what girls are made of."

It was never seriously credited, however; for by the application to Schenk's theory, or rather hypothesis, of the one

well-known clinical fact of the occasional simultaneous birth of both a boy and a girl, it was at once shown to be quite untenable.

In the chapter on the Determination of Sex I have given general rules only, as each individual case must be separately worked out, preferably by the person's own private medical attendant.

Of the illustrations, nine are new and original. The source of the remainder is given in the text: all have been redrawn, and some have been modified or simplified so as to render certain points clearer to the reader; while for the loan of Figs. 14 and 21, taken from Bland-Sutton and Giles' "Diseases of Women," I have to thank Mr. Bland-Sutton and his publishers, Messrs. Rebman, Ltd.

For many of the facts used I am indebted to others; the fitting of them into the mosaic of the theory I claim to be my own.

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