Uterus in the Hernial Sac of an Hermaphrodite.

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ON December 4 1913 a father and son presented themselves for operation; the father was suffering from stone in the bladder, the son from right inguinal hernia. The father was operated on on December 5, and when he had recovered on December 8 the son was operated on. This patient, Ata Khan, 30 years, Baluch, was a very hairy person (a perfect Esau), with a deep voice; there was nothing to be seen in the penis or scrotum to suggest that the patient was not a male. Over the right external ring was a cautery scar. On opening the sac the sexual gland was found to be adherent to the sac and beside the knuckle of bowel was an organ which proved to be the fundus of the uterus. On further investigation two Fallopian tubes were found, and the left sexual gland was pulled out of the left scrotum. All these organs were slightly smaller than normal. In order to have a witness I sent for my chief, Dr. Holland, who quite agreed with me that the internal organs were entirely and typically female, and the patient an hermaphrodite. The organs were returned to the abdomen, the sac invaginated and the ring closed. A catheter was passed and an examination made per rectum; no prostate could be felt. The patient was married 12 years ago. The wound was dressed on the fourth day and all was clean. The patient passed through an attack of pneumonia, and at the close of the pneumonia the wound was dressed; an abscess was found under the upper half. The abscess healed rapidly. By January 3 the left gland had returned to the scrotum, and the patient asked me to make him a testis for the right side. On January 5 the patient returned home well.