

A Strange Metamorphosis.

A remarkable phenomenon is related by the *Dubuque Times*. Major Powell, formerly editor of the *Minneapolis Tribune*, some ten years ago married an accomplished young lady in Broadhead, Wis. Soon after the marriage a change in the wife began to take place; her complexion became swarthy and a beard began to grow, which demanded and received the assiduous attention of a razor. Other physical changes went on, and after the couple had been reasonably happily married for a period of nearly three years, it became impossible to deny the fact that the girl was more man than woman. A visit was made to Chicago, an eminent physician was consulted, who confirmed the suspicion, and the major and his wife separated, there being no matrimonial provision to bind two males together. The metamorphosized individual availed himself of his prerogative, put away crinoline and donned male habiliments, and commenced work at a drug store in Chicago under the name of E. W. Burnham, a change in the given name only being given to suit the change in sex. During the period young Burnham had lived as a woman, the acquaintance had been formed of another young woman, which acquaintance was renewed, and in course of time they were married. This couple are now traveling through the west with a dramatic company known as the Burnham Novelty Company. These facts, says the *Dubuque Times*, are all well authenticated. Mr. Burnham is the nephew of a prominent citizen of Minneapolis, in whose family he lived as a charming young girl for a considerable time, and is the subject of one of those curious freaks of nature, which are rare, but undoubtedly occur.