

XVIII.—*Notes on an Hermaphrodite.* By CAPTAIN RICHARD F. BURTON, V.P.A.S.L., F.R.G.S., H.M. Consul, Santos.

SIR,—Having been asked to commit to paper any anthropological curiosities which met my sight whilst travelling about the Far West, I send you a few observations made by me at St. Vincent, Cape Verd Islands.

At Novo Mindello, capital town of St. Vincent (Azores), I was allowed to inspect one of those malformations which go by the name of hermaphrodites. It is considered a boy, and is the son of Serafinis Federigo di Ramos, a guard in the custom-house, and his wife Catharina, who are first cousins. The only other issue is a girl, a specimen of modified albinism, the skin being white and freckled and the hair colourless, whilst the eye shows no trace of pink.

Antonio de Ramos, as the malformation is called, will be eight years of age in September 1865. He has at present twenty-four teeth. His height is four feet four inches, his girth under the armpits two feet four inches, and round the haunches two feet three inches; of womanly size. His hips would project beyond the oval that contains his shoulders; in boys we should expect the contrary. His face is rather that of a boy than a girl. He has a decided hemiplegia of the left side, the leg being, however, less affected than the arm, and he has a weak and sickly look, which does not promise longevity.

The penis is distinctly formed, about an inch and a quarter long, and proportionally thick, though not of the large African's size; the naked glans looks as if naturally circumcised. The orifice, instead of being at the top, is under the virga, thus constituting a clear case of hypospadias. The parents declare that he micturates from both organs, but less from the masculine. The urine, therefore, would pass through *the frenum*. No signs of testicles could be seen or felt.