

in the forest, on the outskirts of the village, or in the entrance of a house waiting for very young girls, and then masturbated in front of them. Physically and mentally underdeveloped, he was a very immature personality; sexually precocious he was quite unable to cope with his strong sexual impulses. My aim was to lessen his need for a sexual dramatisation, to develop social attitudes and to decrease his narcissistic concentration on his own body. I treated him for half a year, at monthly intervals, by making him aware of the irrational and aggressive aspects of his masturbatory activities and telling him that sex is only satisfactory if it becomes part of an emotional and personal relation.

He did not know any of the

girls in front of whom he masturbated and was not likely to meet them again. They were shadowy figures to him, forming only an anonymous background for his fantasies. Actually he was timid, inhibited, lonely and had no friends. In the course of the treatment he became more outgoing. He started to play the trumpet in a jazz club, took an interest in football and went to dancing classes. He began to make friends with boys and girls. As he formed closer personal relations, he stopped his exhibitionistic activities, both because other satisfactions lessened his sexual needs and because he would have been ashamed had his friends known of his offences. As he matured he found a steady girl friend and there was no further trouble.

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