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F. BISEXUALITY

The term bisexuality has an uncertain conceptual status,
in that while there are heterosexual and homosexual acts,
there is no such thing as a bisexual act. Determination
of who is a bisexual may then be attempted either on the
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