

found on repeated examination with double stain. Complains of pain in the meatus urinarius independent of urination. The urethroscope reveals the urethra intact. (Combined inspection.) Urethra patulous and no strictures present (28 French). He claims that the pain is worse at night, of a darting or shooting character, and of but brief duration. His appetite is poor and he is losing flesh. The high cerebral stimulants avail but little. Suasion and reasoning proved futile. He acquired a haggard, pinched, hang-dog expression, walks stoopingly and haltingly, though formerly he was robust and his gait was straight and manly. He has consulted a number of physicians and nearly all of them pronounced neurathenia or "nervousness." He ultimately returned to the author, intimating that he was on the verge of committing suicide, if his condition does not assume a more favorable aspect.

These are only a few of a number of instances from the author's records coming under his observation, that proved exceedingly rebellious and unyielding to any form of therapeusis, on account of the *psychic or suggestive features of the malady*. It is very likely that the suicidal inclinations of the patients thus affected may at times be realized by them, or else they drift into an asylum as the unhappy recipients of various mental disorders, the origin of which can *doubtlessly be traced to the previous existence of some pathological condition of the urethral canal and its adnexa, pre-eminently to gonococcic or specific urethritis*. Under a systematic vigilance in a retreat or asylum, with the aid of proper hygiene and dietetic treatment, compulsory but wholesome outdoor work and exercise, whereby the mind will receive an impetus towards a different direction, together with both mechano-therapy and general massage, a cure may be reasonably expected in time. The fact, remains, however, that these cases furnish the most unsatisfactory class that falls to the lot of the genito-urinary surgeon.

MEDICAL THOUGHTS, FACTS, FADS AND FANCIES.

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A MEDICAL friend, who is practising, and has for many long years been in active practice, in the city of New York, and well known to the readers of the very few medical journals that can be considered ethical, as one of the most classical and capable of contributors thereto, writes that our profession, as regards its money making capabilities, its time-honored position, and its influence, gives many evidences that, through the indifference and want of co-operation, the profession of New York has too many members who are living very closely near the edge of