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ART. I.—*Cases of the peculiar affection of the Uterus, and of the Urethritis, in the Female mentioned in his observations on the Endemic Fever of Canada.* By JOHN JARRON, Surgeon, Dunnville.

Previous to entering on the accompanying cases that have taken place since my last communication, I would beg to correct a few errors in article LIV. of this journal for March, 1851.

In page 482, 1st column, 5th line, for "cystine" read "congestive."

In page 482, 1st column, 3rd line from bottom, for "hydrarg. submur. opii. a a grs.," read "hydrarg. submur. 3ss. opii. gr. 1."

In page 485, 1st column, 39th line, for "days" read "years."

In page 485, 2nd column, last line, and in page 487, 2nd column, 11th and 20th lines, for "prominent" read "permanent."

In page 487, 1st column, 32nd line, for "leaving" read "bearing."

In page 488, 1st column, 1st and 2nd lines, for "of squills, digitalis, squills and calomel," read "squills, digitalis, and spirits of nitre in a liquid form, or of squills, digitalis, calomel, and ipecacuanha."

*First Case.*—A married female, with a family, complained of frequent desire to make water, which was discharged in small quantities; burning in the course of the urethra and severe pain at the meatus, which was not prominent, but very tender to the touch.

The affection had lasted for some days, and had been so severe during the two previous nights as to deprive her of rest, and almost induced her to send for medical aid before morning. She had been subject to ague, many of the irregu-

lar symptoms of which were now present, particularly the tendency to cold feet and legs, and the peculiar taste in the mouth. The bowels were open; the urine discharged was of whitish colour, and deposited a milky sediment. She had suffered in the same way about two years ago, when she had an attack of fever and ague.

R. Hydrarg. submur. ʒss. opii. gr. 1. ft. pulv. stat. sumendus,—et ol Ricini ʒi. post horas tres—

Warm fomentations to be freely used.

On calling next day, found the powder had almost instantly relieved the pain and frequent desire to make water; that the oil had operated freely; and that she had passed a good night. She was with difficulty persuaded to take two or three doses of calomel, colocynth, and oil;—she has had no return of the symptoms since.

*Second Case.*—A married female, who had not been long in the country, and had suffered from occasional irregular attacks of ague, called on me on account of a frequent desire to make water, severe burning pain in the course of the urethra, and pain and tenderness at the meatus, sufficient to deprive her of rest and sleep; also of considerable uneasiness and tenderness of the lower part of the abdomen.

Her menstrual periods had become much more frequent and protracted than usual—the discharge being often absent for only ten or twelve days. It was attended with a good deal of pain; came away in clots, dark coloured and offensive in smell. Her bowels were irregular; discharges unnatural and offensive; urine occasionally milky, and depositing a white flaky sediment.

The paroxysms of fever were irregular, but scarcely ever entirely absent;