

When there is real incontinence, where the patient is continually leaking—he should wear a urinal. During the use of a catheter, one or both testicles may swell. This must be treated by rest, elevation of the scrotum and possibly sugar of lead and opium lotion. The continual introduction of the catheter may produce congestion at the neck of the organ, and light up or increase an already existing cystitis. This is most apt to occur early in the disease. Old cases are not generally troubled in this way. When it does occur the urine is apt to be mixed with blood to a variable extent. This need not cause alarm. If the flow of blood is large, and the bladder has power to empty itself to a certain degree, it is advisable to intermit the catheter—otherwise it must be continued, using the greatest gentleness of manipulation. It will generally cease in a few days. In such cases an opium suppository will be found useful. If the bladder becomes filled with a clot, no effort must be made to dislodge it. It will gradually soften, dissolve and come away in the urine, which should be kept abundant by copious draughts of potash water. The atonied over-stretched bladder of an old man does not recover its tone, like that of a young man, and it is better that it should not. The patient should be encouraged not to strain, in attempts at passing water, but he ought to rely on his catheter. A suppository of opium and belladonna is useful if there is much pain and in cases of actual hypertrophy of the prostate, it has been proposed to use ergotine in the shape of suppository—some combine iodide of lead with the ergotine. When the cystitis becomes very marked the patient must keep his bed, have his hips elevated by a hair pillow, so that they will be higher than his shoulders, in this way favoring a flow of venous blood from the pelvis. The head may be raised, but the shoulders must be kept low. A linseed poultice, containing a small proportion of mustard, should be applied over the hypogastrium. Heat applied to the perineum, is grateful to the patient. This is best done by a hot water rubber bag, which is made for this purpose. The rectum should be emptied daily by a hot enema. The only internal remedies are the different alkaline diuretics and diluents. The best is perhaps acetate of potash in thirty grain doses, three or four times a day—next to this drug is bi-carbonate of potash, combined with tincture of hyoscyamus and camphor water. Acetate of potash and liquor potassa are also useful. The use of alkalies may be given in linseed tea, which is a good diluent, and even alone are very useful. It may be taken in large quantity and flavored with lemon peel—lemon juice must not be used. As much as three pints a day should be taken. The infusion of buchu or *uva ursi* or *trilecium repens* or *pariara brava*. Some advise that the tincture of hyoscyamus should not be used on account of its alcohol, and recommend the extract in

its stead. The urine is nearly always excessive acid and the object of giving alkalies by the mouth is to alkalize it in the bladder and thus render it less irritating to the sensitive lining membrane of the viscus. By the employment of the means I have directed, aided by a large share of patience, you will in very many cases be able to make a life endurable, and in some, make him enjoy a life as long and as comfortable as if the bladder was sound. In conclusion, I may say there are not many devices which will call for as much patience and exercise of forbearance on the part of the medical man, as the one which has been occupying our consideration.

GENTLEMEN,—Three weeks ago to-day (June 5th) this patient presented himself before us, and was the subject of a clinical lecture, and I then placed him on treatment. He has been here every week to have his medicine renewed, but to-day I bring him before you again—to show the result. He says that he has greatly improved, and that for a week he has had to rise only once during the night. His general appearance is much better, due largely to the good sleep which he says he now gets. I find his urine still cloudy, and direct that his bladder be well washed with simple warm water. For the present this will be done once a week.

NEWS ITEMS.

All the deplorable and despicable of Germany have been engaged during the last few weeks in the congenial task of kicking the dead lion; but I do not suppose that Prince Bismarck troubles himself about the malevolent inventions of such contemptible vermin. The idea of Prince Bismarck having impaired his faculties by morphia-drinking is really too extravagantly preposterous a fiction for even lunatics to credit, and the even more offensive allegation of 'alcoholism' is not less nonsensical. Prince Bismarck formerly took his fair share of wine and beer, but he is a man of iron head, and certainly never was affected in any way by his potations. The days, however, when he drank champagne, beer, and Rhine wines have passed away. A few years ago Prince Bismarck found his neuralgia benefited by a daily bottle of strong dry port, the wine being of a special quality which he obtained direct from Oporto; but this was also discontinued when he consulted Dr. Schweninger; and for a long time past his customary beverage has been weak whisky and *Apollinaris*, and even of this only a comparatively small quantity has been allowed.—*London Truth*.