

and opened just in front of the stricture. With a fully curved needle a silk ligature was passed through the divided healthy urethra, one on each side, so as to form traction loops. The staff was then withdrawn and steady traction being made on these loops the stricture was divided with the scalpel throughout its length until a director could enter freely into the proximal urethra and onwards to the bladder, the entrance being made evident by a free flow of urine. A catheter was then introduced through the perineal wound and the bladder freely douched with boracic lotion and finally a rubber drainage tube inserted and stitched into the perineal wound. This tube with one or two perforations in the sides was entered just within the bladder and projected about three-quarters of an inch from the perineum, its open mouth being there closed by a funis clamp. The perineal wound was then closed by three or four interrupted sutures of silk worm gut, and the usual dressings kept in place by a T bandage.

In the after-treatment the clamp was released about every three hours and the urine allowed to flow, and once daily the bladder was irrigated through the tube. After five days the rubber tube was removed and a No. 11 (English) silver catheter was introduced without difficulty through the meatus into the bladder and fastened in position by means of tapes attached to the penis by strips of adhesive plaster. This catheter was retained for five days and the flow of urine controlled by a silver plug, although there was some leakage through the perineum. After the removal of the catheter the patient urinated for a time both through the meatus and the perineum, and every second day a graduated 9 to 12 Lister's bougie was passed per meatus. The leakage through the perineum gradually ceased, until at the end of three weeks the urine passed entirely in the natural manner, and the patient returned home at the end of four weeks with instructions to have a sound passed at least every fortnight for a time. A recent letter from his physician states that the patient is in perfect health, has no trouble in urinating, and that the sound passes readily and without discomfort.