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A Case of Suprapubic Lithotomy.

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IN presenting to the Association the history of a case of suprapubic lithotomy I do so because of the fact that the attention of the profession has been directed to the operation as safer and more easily performed, especially in case of very large stones or in small encysted stones, than lateral lithotomy.

The patient whose case I am about to present was a man over seventy years of age. He first came under my notice ten years ago when suffering from an attack of acute retention of urine believed to have been occasioned by exposure to cold. On attempting to pass a catheter, I found that I had to deal with a spasmodic stricture in the membranous portion of the urethra. With a little patience and persistent effort I succeeded in introducing a No. 9 silver catheter and evacuated the contents of the bladder (about three pints in all). I provided him with a soft rubber catheter with directions to use it only if he found difficulty in emptying the bladder. In a few days time he again presented himself and asked me to procure for him a silver