

For the last two years the stricture has been perfectly *impermeable*, the various modes of treatment usually recommended having been tried without success, no instrument having been passed into the bladder.

He was sent from the country to be placed under my care, and in answer to several questions, gave the following history of his case:—

Between nine and ten years ago he contracted a virulent gonorrhœa, which lasted for a considerable time, and for which he employed several kinds of caustic and astringent injections. On the subsidence of this disease, he found some difficulty in making water, the stream being small and spiral, and a greater effort than usual being required to pass it.

In this condition he remained until two years ago, his general health continuing good; and the symptoms arising from the stricture, although steadily increasing, yet, amounting only to a serious inconvenience.

About this period he was subjected to much exposure and fatigue, and shortly afterwards he found that the urine no longer passed in a continuous stream, but *guttatim*.

He applied to a Practitioner in the neighbourhood for relief, but without obtaining any; numerous unsuccessful attempts being made to get an instrument beyond the stricture.

He next proceeded to New-York, and was there subjected to various modes of treatment; amongst others the caustic bougie was frequently made use of, but with no better result; and after remaining there for some weeks he returned to Canada.

His general health now began to suffer; he lost strength and flesh; his bladder was becoming irritable; and the frequent and long-continued efforts to void his urine deprived him of rest at night.

At the time he came under my care (May, 1843), he was in a wretched condition: he had been unable to follow his occupation for many months past; he was pale, thin, and dejected in spirits, irritable in temper, his appetite gone, his nights sleepless, in consequence of the incessant desire to urinate; a strong urinous smell was perceived, and the scrotum, upper portions of the thighs and adjacent parts, were excoriated from the constant dribbling away of his water.

On making an examination, I found that the stricture was situated about five inches from the orifice of the urethra (nearly an inch behind where the anterior portion of the scrotum joins the penis), and could be distinctly felt through the integuments covering it, like a piece of catgut or tightly twisted whip-cord. A patient and careful attempt to pass the smallest sized catheter or bougie entirely failed; not even the point entering the strictured portion in the slightest degree. The extent to which the urethra was contracted