

that he can remember. He attributes his stricture, which he says he has had all his life, to riding bare-backed when a boy, having received several slight injuries in that way. He had gonorrhoea sixteen years ago, which aggravated his stricture a good deal. His stricture began to trouble him seriously about seven years ago, when he consulted a doctor, who passed a catheter for him. He believes that it never entered his bladder. He then consulted another doctor, who passed a No. 3, and he felt "all right" for twelve months afterwards. He was then obliged to consult another medical man, who passed bougies, which gave only temporary relief. He has had trouble ever since in micturition, especially in spring and fall. Two years ago he was in the hospital under the care of Drs. Reddy and Wilkins, who ruptured his stricture with *Thompson's Divulsor*. He left the hospital soon after, and had no difficulty for a year and a-half afterwards. He had no instruments passed after leaving the hospital. During the last six months he has frequently been unable to evacuate his bladder, and on these occasions was relieved by the late Dr. Cline, who passed a No. 3 silver instrument. He never had complete retention until six months ago, when he first consulted Dr. Cline; he never suffered from chills or fever in any of these manipulations—nor at any other time. He was admitted about 10 o'clock in the morning of the 5th of November, '78; at 2 p.m., four hours afterwards, Dr. Roddick explored the urethra and discovered a tight cartilaginous and somewhat elastic stricture at the junction of the spongy and membranous portions of the urethra. He made two or three unsuccessful but not at all forcible attempts to pass a catheter into the bladder; no blood was drawn, and there was no reason to suppose that even an abrasion of the mucous membrane had been produced. About half-past four, two hours after the operation, he had a severe rigor, and his temperature ran up to 103° F; he perspired profusely and was very restless. During the night he had two slight chills; he complained of severe head-ache, and could not sleep. Next morning at 11 a.m. he had another severe rigor, followed by a temperature of 106° F; he was then given