

was very tight, only admitting the filiform guide with difficulty, and was surrounded by a fibrous nodule distinctly appreciable externally. He was treated in the same way as those already mentioned, and without chill or fever. The perineal catheter was removed on the eighth day and sounds again passed up to 34 (French). His convalescence was delayed by an attack of orchitis, but the perineal wound was healed completely within a month.

CASE V.—J. C., aged 46, had a tight stricture of the deep urethra, which he attributed to riding long distances over a rough country. It was also treated seven months ago by internal urethrotomy and perineal drainage, and without chill or fever.

*Second Series—Cases of Simple Internal Urethrotomy.*

The following cases were all treated by internal urethrotomy alone. The patients were prepared in every case by a purgative given the night before the operation. The filiform guide of the small Maisonneuve instrument was first introduced, the patient then anaesthetized, and the stricture cut on the roof of the urethra by this instrument and dilated by tunnelled bougies passed along a metallic guide so as to admit Otis's instrument. The stricture or strictures were then cut on the floor by this instrument and sounds passed up to No. 34 (French). The bladder was then emptied by a soft rubber catheter and washed out with a warm salicylic acid solution (1-1000), and the urethra thoroughly irrigated with the same. The patient was instructed to hold his water as long as possible, and in no case did symptoms of urine fever follow until after micturition. Sounds were not passed again for a week and all did well, but with this exception of cases I and II, every patient had one or more chills with fever and sweating within the first couple of days after operation.

CASE I.—J. D., aged 26. Very tight stricture of bulbous urethra of three years standing, due to gonorrhœa. This patient did not pass any water for twenty-four hours after operation, and had no chill.

CASE II.—J. E., aged 36. Stricture of deep urethra of six years standing. Urethra very irritable and subject to spasm,