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*Case of "Vascular Tumour" of the Female Urethra with observations on "Varicose Ulcer of the Womb."* By R. L. MACDONNELL, M. D., Surgeon to St. Patrick's Hospital; Lecturer on Surgery St. Lawrence School of Medicine, &c., &c.

As cases of "Vascular Tumour of the Meatus Urinarius" though common in Europe, are not so frequently seen in this country, at least, according to my own experience, an account of the following case may not prove uninteresting to the profession, particularly as it is a disease of middle age, and seldom occurring in persons so old as my patient.

January 19, 1850, Mrs. —, aged 60, consulted me under the following circumstances: For the three years previous, she had suffered excessive pain in the region of the neck of the bladder, and bearing down pains, accompanied at first by a discharge of a watery character, mixed, at times, with pus, and sometimes having an offensive odour. Believing that these symptoms might be accounted for by her age and change of constitution, she bore them patiently at first, and did not consult any medical man, but about one year from their first appearance, they became suddenly more severe, and now a discharge of bloody serum kept constantly flowing, and sudden hemorrhages to the extent of three or four ounces used to come on whenever she exerted herself too much, and at other times, these bleedings would occur without any assignable cause. She now applied to a surgeon who made no examination and led her (she said) to believe she had cancer of the womb, and that her malady was incurable. Being herself impressed with this idea, she made up her mind to bear her afflictions with resignation, and endeavoured by change of air, and the use of mineral waters, to obtain that relief which seemed denied to her by the science of medicine. It was whilst at one of our favorite "Springs" that she happened to mention her ailments to a skil-