

thral walls from violent straining, while the fact that no instrument had ever been passed into the urethra excludes the idea of laceration from such a cause.

II. It is noteworthy that the stricture was relieved by the occurrence of extravasation. On the night of his admission, he made water in a stream for the first time for many days, and the following morning No 3 was passed without being grasped to any great degree. The same thing is said to hold good after puncture of the bladder. Some time after puncturation, a No. 2 or No. 3 catheter may be successfully introduced, it is said, through a stricture which had previously defied its entrance, so much do the distended bladder and the stricture act and react on one another.

III. The treatment by free incisions produced its usual rapidly beneficial effects. He was decidedly better in the course of a few hours.

IV. Perhaps not the least interesting feature in the case is the wonderful power of repair shown by nature even after such a disastrous occurrence as the loss of nearly the whole scrotum, and the skin of one side of the penis. The loss of his scrotum is marvellously compensated for by the hardy character which the cicatricial tissue has assumed, so that, although his testicles in semblance are more canine than human, their altered condition seems to entail upon him no sense of discomfort or tenderness.—*Glasgow New Journal*

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PUNCTURE OF THE ABDOMEN FOR TYPANITIS.—The *Dublin Quarterly Journal of Medical Science* for May mentions three cases, in which marked relief was afforded by this operation. Two of these were reported in the *Deutsches Archiv für Klinische Medicin*, by Dr Stein. In one the distention was caused by the pressure of an ovarian tumor on the intestine. The puncture was made in the cecal region, and was repeated daily more than fifty times, at the request of the patient. At the *post mortem* scarcely a trace of the punctures could be observed. The second case was that of a man 61 years old. Eight punctures were made in fourteen days, with great relief and no unpleasant results. [This is a mode of treatment which has occurred to us