

Therefore, youth, place abundant wood under the altar;  
How in pleasant evenings it is delightful to us  
To while away the time in speculative talk,  
Because then, oh thou bright divinity, lookest upon us in our quiet  
security.

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### RUPTURE OF BLADDER.

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Late on the evening of Saturday, February 28th last, I saw, in consultation with Dr. McKenna, a man about 45 years of age, whom Dr. McKenna himself had seen for the first time only an hour previous. The patient, I was informed by his friends, was a hard-working man, whose only failing was a desire to occasionally vary the monotony of an otherwise very even life by going out and getting drunk. He had been seized of this desire about seven o'clock on the morning of the day upon which I saw him, and had evidently enjoyed himself unrestrainedly, for although only an hour away from his home, he was found at eight o'clock lying upon an ice-covered walk at the side of the house, stupid with alcohol and suffering intense pain. He was not able at this time, nor subsequently, to give any history of what had happened to him in the interval. A physician was not called until the afternoon. He had frequently suffered from "cramps," and his relatives thought the pain could be ascribed to such a condition, and so informed the physician who saw him first; the latter, acting upon this supposition, ordered an anodyne mixture, which was administered until late at night, when, as there was no improvement in the condition, Dr. McKenna was called.

The patient, when first seen by me, was sitting on the side of the bed, evidently in great agony, vomiting frequently; the vomit was of a dark color, and thrown up explosively. The pulse was good (under 100); the temperature, on account of the restlessness of the patient, I could not obtain. Dr. McKenna had made a diagnosis of an intestinal obstruction, and I agreed with him. The patient had for years a hernia, but as he resolutely refused to lie down, through dread of increasing the pain, I was unable satisfactorily to examine for a possible strangulation, nor