

URETHRITIS DUE TO BACTERIUM COLI COMMUNI.—Josipovice (*Centralbl. f. d. Krankh. der Harn- u. Sexualorgane*) reports two cases of urethritis in which he found the bacterium coli commune in the urethral discharge. In one of the cases, which he relates in detail, he was able to establish the identity of the micro-organism by cultivation. Three days after sexual intercourse the patient noted a urethral discharge, which he believed to be gonorrhœal. There was increased frequency of micturition, with burning, and also constitutional disturbances, with headache and anorexia. There was slight fever and the tongue was heavily coated. The entrance to the urethra was oedematous and reddened. On pressure a drop of dirty yellow viscid pus escaped. On irrigating the anterior urethra and then receiving the urine in two parts in separate vessels the wash water was found to contain an abundance of flaky pus and threads,

while the urine in both receptacles contained no threads, but was turbid and deposited a considerable sediment on standing. Seven and a half minims of sandal-wood oil in capsules were prescribed thrice daily, with rest in bed, and a diet of milk and other bland food. On the second day, although the temperature remained high, no complication could be discovered. The discharge continued in abundance, and the increased frequency of micturition was a source of distress. On the third day the patient appeared brighter, with improved appetite and without fever. The discharge persisted, but it had lost its dirty color, and the burning in micturition was less. By the fifth day scarcely a drop of pus could be expressed from the urethra. The first portion of urine passed now was turbid and contained threads, while the second was practically clear and free from threads. The swelling about the orifice of the urethra having sub-

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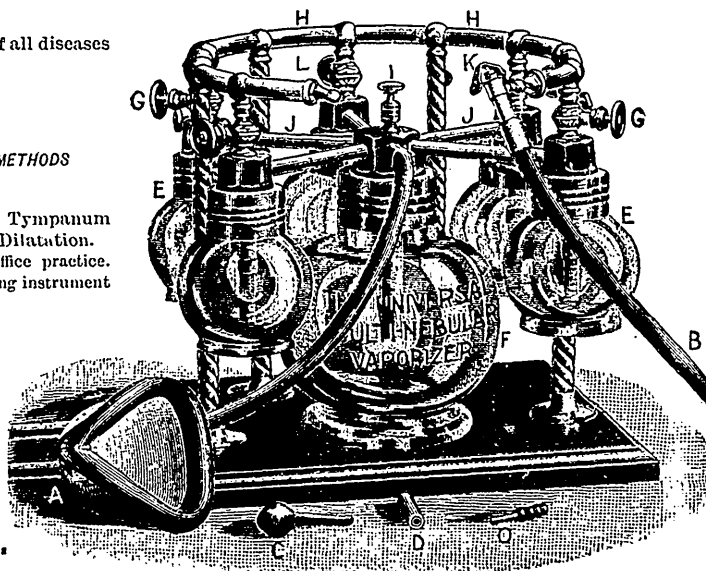
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