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Case of Lithotomy, Followed by Renal Abscess and Death.

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The following case of stone in the bladder first came under my care in the summer of 1874. The subject, the son of Mr. W.,—was three and a half years old. Had been a weakly child from infancy, not having walked until two and a half years old. Was subject to frequent attacks of diarrhea, stools invariably of a light colour and highly offensive. Coupled with this there existed a peculiar fragile condition of the bones, indeed so much so, that an ordinary fall or twist would result in fracture or separation of the epiphyses. During the space of twelve months I was called on five different occasions to set fractures of either the right or left arm. The child's appetite has, as a rule, been good, at times voracious.

The first symptoms of stone manifested themselves by pain in the region of the bladder, frequent micturition, and pain at the glans penis, made apparent from his frequently grasping and stretching it to relieve the pain. From these symptoms and the general condition of the child I at once suspected stone. On making known my suspicions to Dr. Fenwick he kindly consented to meet me, gave the patient chloroform and explored the bladder. We however failed to detect any stone.

In the meantime I prescribed the mineral acids and change of air, with apparently some benefit, as the symptoms

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