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V. Stone in the Bladder: Lithotomy.

CASE.

Antoine Gaudreau, *æt* 33, a *habitant* from St. Cesaire came to town on the 29th September, 1855, to be operated upon for stone. He was admitted during the evening of the same day, into the Montreal General Hospital, and placed in my charge.

Fifteen years ago, last spring, he was three days without urinating, his abdomen became much swollen as well as painful, especially about its lowermost part, and he was very feverish; a catheter was introduced into the bladder and drew off a large quantity of urine, after which he speedily got well; this attack of retention was ascribed to "inflammation," induced by a wetting caught while making maple sugar. During the three following years his health was excellent, and unbroken by ailment of any kind. When, however, they expired, for no known cause, he suffered from difficult micturition, and other symptoms referable to his bladder; he found he had to "force" more to expell his urine, and the stream often stopped suddenly as it was being voided, during these interruptions he fancied he felt something roll forward below the pubis, and by altering his position he could manage to renew the stream: he was also annoyed with pain at the point of the penis, and along the urethra, which he relieved by stretching the prepuce. For relief from these symptoms of vesical calculus, he consulted a surgeon in St Hyacinthe, who confidently asserted they proceeded from a gonorrhœa, notwithstanding the virtuous protestations of the patient to the contrary; medicines were accordingly exhibited and unexpectedly benefit followed their use. He now enjoyed another triennial period of repose from sufferings, upon the conclusion of which they recurred, and have ever since continued.