

passed and the strictures treated by internal urethrotomy and perineal drainage, as in case I. No chill followed the operation, but the temperature remained high (99° – 103° F). This patient was undoubtedly suffering from a pyæmic condition on admission, the course of which was not unfavorably influenced by the operation. The perineal catheter was removed on the fourth day, and on the thirteenth day the patient insisted upon leaving the hospital and was not heard from again. I may add here that his employer stated that he was an inveterate drunkard.

CASE III.—J. T., aged 40, seaman, had a traumatic stricture of nine years standing following a fall into the hold of a ship and landing astride of the edge of a barrel. A hard fibroid mass as large as a crab-apple was felt on the perineum in the situation of the bulbous urethra, and corresponding to this mass within the urethra was a tough strictured ring which admitted with difficulty the point of a No. 2 sound. This case was treated in the same way as the two preceding ones, and with excellent results. No chill nor elevation of temperature followed the operation. The perineal catheter was removed on the fifth day, and the wound was perfectly healed ten days later. Sounds were again passed at the end of a week up to $3\frac{1}{4}$ (French), and the patient was discharged about four weeks after operation. His residence in hospital was somewhat prolonged on account of two attacks of the nature of renal colic, distinctly referred to the region of the left kidney, and accompanied by elevation of temperature—once as high as 104° F. The first of these attacks occurred fully two weeks after operation, and could not therefore be attributable—at least directly—to it.

CASE IV.—A. A., aged 42, was operated upon on the 29th of November last. He had a traumatic stricture of the deep urethra caused by falling from a ladder and landing astride of a steam-pipe four years ago. One year after the accident he was treated in the hospital by gradual dilatation, but he states that whenever an instrument was passed he soon after had a chill, followed by fever and sweating, and was ill for some days. For over two years his urine had been dribbling away, and his condition in consequence was a very miserable one. The stricture