

the injection into the urethra of a very strong solution of nitrate of silver. The effect of such an heroic remedy may well be anticipated. The most violent inflammation was induced, and he was laid up in bed for more than a week.

I must agree with the patient in his idea that this rough method only aggravated the disease. During this time you must imagine him not only treating himself with various nostrums but as also using the catheter, as much for the purpose of voiding his urine as for dilating the stricture. Being of a roving, energetic disposition his trouble, since it now and then laid him up for days at a time, preyed upon his mind and spirits to such a degree that he at last decided to put himself under the care of a surgeon until he became completely cured. Had he been wise enough to have done this from the beginning there can be no doubt but that he would have been saved all his subsequent trouble.

Falling into the hands of a surgeon living some fifty miles from Montreal he was advised by him to have an operation performed for the relief of the stricture. Coming to Montreal he entered one of our city hospitals, where the stricture was forcibly dilated in the usual way, a No. 10 catheter was passed into the bladder and retained for some time after the operation.

Catheterization was kept up for quite a while after the operation, and the patient left the Hospital inside of six weeks seemingly improved. He was ordered to use injections of zinc sulphate (5 grs. to ℥i of water) and occasionally to pass a large bougie, and was further informed that the necessity for using bougies would soon be done away with, and the urethra return to its normal condition. The patient then took a situation in this city that enabled him to keep quiet and attend to himself. Matters progressed very favorably for about two months afterwards, when he found that he could not pass the catheter with the same impunity that he formerly did; that the stream was getting gradually and perceptibly smaller, that he could not enter the bladder readily with the large-sized catheter, and consequently was obliged to use smaller sizes. The discharge, for some time quiescent, now began to shew itself, and he was horrified to see that the stricture, instead of remaining open, as he expected it would, was beginning to contract and cut off the ready exit of urine; some pain was also noticed in urinating. Very unwisely, he began self-treatment again, but matters went on from bad to worse,

and in a couple of weeks he found that every time he catheterized himself, which was now at least twice a day, that the penis became hard, rigid and congested, and he says he could feel the corpus spongiosum all the way along harden up like whipcord. The stricture seemed to remain in *statu quo* for a while, but every time he had to urinate (now about six times in the 24 hours) the whole urethra became rigid and congested, and when he passed a catheter it seemed to be grasped by the stricture, causing him considerable uneasiness. There now appeared pain in the glans penis, some hypogastric tenderness and a dragging sensation in the testicles, all increased on urinating. He had to use the catheter 3 times daily to draw off urine, since neglect to do so caused much straining and pain.

Noticed for some time how turbid his urine was, and how soon it decomposed. At last the patient decided to have a doctor and, disgusted with those of an allopathic nature decided to make trial of a disciple of Hahnemann and Jahr. This gentleman undertook to treat him on what he facetiously termed the "antiphlogistic" plan: gave him some white powders, kept him in bed, but allowed him to treat himself as far as the use of catheters went. Patient, however, got steadily worse, and I was finally asked to see him. I found him in the following state: slightly feverish, pulse 100, temperature 100, pain and tenderness in hypogastric region and some pain in the penis. In urinating, which he does every hour, pain shoots down into perineum, and there is considerable tenesmus. Bladder always feels as if some urine were left in it. Pain also in testes, which are retracted. Examined his urine at once, found it neutral to test paper, laden with mucus, pus and some blood corpuscles. The whole penis seems congested and hardened. Carefully introducing a No. 5 catheter feel it grasped in the canal in what I think two distinct places, one towards the upper fourth of the spongy portion and the other much further back near the neck of the bladder. The spasmodic contraction of the bladder, due to the irritation set up by the catheter, drives the urine past the sides of the instrument, and blood follows the abstraction of the instrument, which gives the patient some relief. Ordered him to begin at once the following mixture:

℞. Tinct. hyoscyami ℥ i  
Spt. ether nitrosi ℥ ss  
Potass bicarb. ʒ iii.  
Aquæ Camphor ʒ ij.