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ART. IV.—*Narrative of Cases.* By DR. STEIN, of Lachine.

Instead of sending detached articles on particular cases, as I at first contemplated doing, I will take the liberty of giving a few condensed cases in the sum, so as to form one article in the whole, thereby curtailing much writing, and abbreviating the space occupied in this journal, and rendering myself more brief, and perhaps, less disagreeable to the readers. These cases have occurred to me from time to time, and they have been recorded not so much on account of their novelty, as on account of many of them being examples of what have been pointed out as specimens of disease, by those who consider themselves authorities, and as illustrations of particular conditions connected with the cases themselves. At some future time I will send a few more which I have in my possession, illustrating the same positions; these have been put together in a hurry without any suitable sequence, which may be perhaps objectionable. The first is that of W. F., an engineer employed on the Lachine Canal, with stricture of the urethra. He had been ill for a long time with chronic disease of the urethra, arising from gonorrhœa; was dissipated in his habits; at last he became palsied in the lower extremities, at the same time that he had retention of urine. Under this he labored for a long time, but without my being able to say from any symptoms referable to the spinal marrow itself whether he had disease in that organ or not. He recovered, however, after some time of absence, during which I did not see him, but by the time he returned, three months after, he had got free of the palsy. This case, perhaps, forms an example of the kind of palsy, from suppression of urine, mentioned by Stanley in a paper written some sixteen or seventeen years ago, the only specimen of the kind I think I have ever met with. To place along side of this, I will give another case of palsy that occurred to me lately. I was asked to visit J. B. C.,