

after the unfortunate occurrence I have just reported, the patient, now a resident of Vermont, has been safely confined of a living child, after a favourable accouchement.

*Vesico-urethro-vaginal Fistula.* The following case, which came under my care shortly after my return to Montreal, will not, I believe, be found an inappropriate conclusion to this paper. In March, 1859, I was requested to visit Mrs. —, a native of Brighton, England, but for four years a resident of this city. I found her to be a woman of a fine *physique*, aged 46, the mother of several children; her last confinement having taken place ten years before, and although the labour presented nothing unusual, still, for some unexplained reason, it was concluded with the forceps. For some weeks after nothing particular occurred, though she complained of a more or less constant sense of weight and distress in the vagina, accompanied by a very frequent desire to micturate, which desire, however, was only relieved in part, and this not without some pain. Six months after her confinement, she became aware of the presence of a small swelling in the upper wall of the vagina back of the external opening of the meatus urinaris; the swelling gradually increased, till it filled almost completely the vaginal passage, preventing sexual congress, and attended with a throbbing sensation and increased weight and distress. One day coming down a flight of stairs, she made a misstep, and in the effort to recover herself, gave a jump of a couple of steps, falling rather heavily; she immediately felt something give way, and found her person wet; on examination it was discovered that the tumour had been broken, and its contents had flowed upon her person and underclothing—there was nothing unpleasant in the odour of the discharge, save that it possessed a very strong urinary smell, was of a deep yellow colour, ropy and of some consistence. This little—fortuitous—accident did not prevent her from attending to her household duties; on the contrary, it had done, what several professional men, who had been consulted, could not do, it proved a certain temporary relief, and taught her that the same thing could be done, in after years, to secure a few weeks' or months' respite from her unpleasant ailment. Nothing unusual was observed after this occurrence, only that she now noticed that there was an increased, and rather annoying degree of moisture about the external parts, and occasionally a few yellow spots upon her linen; to this she paid little or no attention, being under the impression that, like many other women, she was labouring under a slight attack of leucorrhœa. However, in the course of three or four months, this trifling discharge gradually decreased, at the same time that the small swelling commenced to show itself in the same situation it had occupied in the first instance; it passed through the same stages, till, having attained nearly the size of an egg, it was spontaneously ruptured, the contents evacuated, and relief followed as at its first appearance. Such was the state of things, and so it continued for ten years, recurring from two to three times a year.

After her removal to this city, she was successively under the charge of three practitioners who, however, did not appear to benefit her, although they never employed any local means—either by examinations or direct applications—they became satisfied that there was something wrong with the womb, but that time and the final change of life would, probably, effect the cure. Having heard the