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## Original Contributions:

### PLASTIC INDURATION OF THE CORPORA CAVERNOSA PENIS.\*

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I WISH to report a few cases of, and make some remarks on, a somewhat rare affection of the fibrous tissues of the penis—an affection which has been variously denominated by different authors as *chronic inflammation of the erectile tissues of the penis and of its fibrous sheath*—*chronic circumscribed inflammation of the fibrous sheath of the penis* (Keyes)—*chronic circumscribed induration of the corpora cavernosa* (White)—*fibrous transformation of the pectiniform septum and sheath* (Gross)—*fibroid sclerosis of the corpora cavernosa* (Taylor)—*nœuds et ganglious des corps caverneux* (Nélatin)—*induration plastique des corps caverneux* (Reclus)—and *nœuds des corps caverneux* by most French authors. This disease with the many names is said to be one of old age by most writers; one of middle life by others, and by Gross to be most frequent between 50 and 40. Yet it has been met with in patients aged 21, 26, 27 and 28 years respectively.

It is said to occur most frequently in those who have abused of sexual intercourse. It is characterized by a localized induration of the fibrous sheath (and underlying tissue, Keyes) of the C. cavernosa and also of the pectiniform septum. When the sheath is affected the diseased part is felt as a circular or quadrangular plate, hard, smooth, resilient, immovable and not adherent to the skin which is freely movable over it. These hard plates are more frequently met with on the dorsal part of the sheath than elsewhere.

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