

in the quantity of urine, till actual suppression takes place, and even then may feel little uneasiness from the trifling inconvenience he suffers, and be surprised at the well-founded alarm of his physician. There are some peculiarities in the following case, which may make it interesting. Its unusually long duration of eleven days of complete anuria, the absence of coma, or any indication of cerebral lesion, of any urinous smell from the body, or vicarious discharge, unless from the stomach, and it will contrast also with Sir H. Hallford's cases, which he remarks were all "fat, corpulent men," between 50 and 60.

Mrs. H., *ætat.* 66, a healthy looking (although spare, thin) woman, of active and very temperate habits, whose occupation was in keeping a stall in the market-place, where (although having the shelter of a cover) she was much exposed to cold. She applied to me in the end of September, 1852, on account of a pain of her left hip and thigh, which she had been complaining of for a short time, but which did not interfere with her ordinary occupations, and was supposed to be rheumatism; for which a liniment containing croton oil was prescribed, and a few doses of calomel and opium exhibited at night to be followed in the morning by a saline aperient. The pain persisting, a blister was ordered to be applied to the hip, which removed it. Her mouth became slightly affected by the mercury; on the third day she complained of a colic pain, for which she took an anodyne. On the fifth day she sent for me to see her, as she had not made any urine for two days previously. She said she had passed a small quantity of blood per urethram. She stated that for some time previous to her present illness, her urine had been scanty, but clear, and free from sediment of any kind. About a year ago she had passed a large quantity of blood, mingled with her urine, and at different times smaller quantities. Her urine, however, although scanty, was never before suppressed. She had occasionally pains about the ilium, loins, groin, and down the thigh, but did not pay much attention to them. At the time I saw her, she complained that she felt those pains slightly, and only occasionally. She could bear pressure well over the pubic region, kidneys, or abdomen. She had no desire to make water. Pulse 80, very small; countenance natural; no headache, drowsiness, thirst, nor febrile symptom, nor indeed any indication of ill health, except the absence of the urinary secretion, and occasionally that the stomach was irritable. She vomited her drinks, some time after taking them, but had no nausea nor pain of the epigastrium. She was ordered a tepid bath, and a diuretic mixture, with nitrate and supertartrate of potass in solution for her ordinary drink. Her medicines and drinks were seldom retained in the stomach longer than an hour or two; a sinapism was applied to the epigastrium, with occasional enemata, and repetition of the hip baths. She slept lightly, and for short periods, at