

allowed to come in contact. An opiate was ordered in case he became restless.

Jan. 17th, twenty-four hours after operation. Patient had a very good night, slept well; no occasion to give opiate. Free flow of clear urine through the catheter, not any through the wound. Pulse 88; no heat of skin or headache, tongue clean. Cold-water dressing and milk diet.

18th.—Slept well; no heat of skin or headache; pulse 70; tongue clean and moist; wound partly united, sutures removed. Catheter withdrawn and larger one (No. 6) put into the bladder, with considerable difficulty.

19th.—Pulse 101, skin hot, tongue moist and coated. No swelling or redness of the scrotum. Some pain in the right iliac region. A few drops of urine come through the wound. Catheter taken out. Cold-water dressing; liquid diet, and a saline purgative.

20th.—Pulse 68; tongue clean and moist. Bowels moved yesterday. Urine all came through the normal passage, without causing any pain.

21st.—Pulse 66; tongue clean; appetite good. Wound not quite healed; a few drops of urine came through this morning.

22nd.—General condition excellent. Passes water freely and without pain, a few drops escaping through the lower angle of wound. No 6 catheter passed and allowed to remain in for ten minutes. Wound touched with nitrate of silver.

From this time forth the patient did well, and was allowed his usual diet. Catheter (No. 6) was passed every third day for two weeks, when the wound was firmly united.

The unsettled state of many minor points in surgery was very well shown in this case.

1st. Was it better to remove the stone from that part of the urethra where its further progress was arrested, or to press it back towards the perineum or membranous portion of the urethra? The latter proceeding is strongly advocated by Mr. Erichsen, who dreads the infiltration of urine taking place if the urethra is opened anterior to the scrotum, and if infiltration does not take place we are apt to have a fistulous opening remain. No doubt Mr. Erichsen's suggestion has the advantage, that if other stones are present Allerton's or the lateral operation for