

until he become delirious, if he can stand it so long. At night he prays earnestly to the Great Spirit to reveal to him some new thing, and to give to him mysterious or supernatural power. Before he has had time to perish from hunger and thirst, his friends go to relieve him and to ascertain the result of his vigils. It is said there are many failures at the start. If, however, the candidate be deemed a suitable subject, he becomes articulated to an old practitioner and duly initiated. Only one student is taken at a time. For some reason, perhaps want of superior intelligence and the necessary disposition, probationers, after having passed the first ordeal, are often rejected before they have learned much in regard to the mysteries of the profession.

Their materia medica is divided into two branches, good medicines and bad. Among the Crees, if not among other Indians, twenty classes of drugs are recognized. The first nine are all good or beneficial medicines, and the rest are all more or less bad or injurious. The student is first made familiar with the good medicines and then the bad, the worst of all being taught last. Some of their poisons, they pretend, are very dangerous to handle.

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URETHRAL STRICTURE AND PERINEAL SECTION.

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CASE I.—A. D., aged 41 years, temperate habits and robust conformation, the subject of a very intractable stricture, the result of a fall in December, 1880, on the spike of a small tree, injuring the perineum, opposite the membranous portion of the urethra chiefly. No external wound of the parts was produced, but considerable contusion, swelling, and inability to urinate, except in dribbling quantities. Catheterism being impracticable, and there being almost complete inability to void urine, he entered the General Hospital, Ottawa, January 15, 1885, at which date perineal section was performed, and a No. 8 catheter introduced into the bladder and retained in position fully three days. Afterwards used the instrument every second or third day for fully three weeks, and then only occasionally as neces-