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TWO CASES OF URETHRAL FEVER,

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The subject of my paper, 'Urethral Fever,' is well illustrated by two cases which occurred in the Hospital last winter. They were both in Dr. Roddick's wards. The first is that of a sailor, George Ives, who was admitted for stricture of the Urethra on the 23rd of October, '77. He was a large, well-built, muscular young Englishman, 24 years of age. His family history was obscure. The only reliable fact that could be ascertained was that his mother died of some wasting disease—probably Phthisis. He had been at sea since he was 12 years of age and had always been healthy. He had gonorrhœa 6 years ago and was treated by his Captain with injections, and recovered in a month without having any of the ordinary complications or sequels of gonorrhœa, as orchitis, bubo, or stricture. He had no difficulty in micturition after this attack. About 2 years ago he contracted gonorrhœa again. It lasted six months, and when his ship arrived in New York he consulted a doctor, under whose treatment he rapidly recovered. The treatment consisted in injections and the administration of capsules—probably of copaiba. About nine months ago he noticed that in micturition the stream was very small and often irregular and twisted at the meatus, and he had sometimes to strain a good