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## ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS.

ART. XXX.—*Case of Hematuria, treated by Pulv. Gallæ.* By F. S. VERITY, M.D., Hemmingsford.

About 7 years ago, I visited J. D., a farmer, about 60 years of age, of good constitution, though somewhat impaired by intemperate habits.—At that time, owing to diseased prostate, he failed to void his urine, and I had to employ the catheter several times. Upon ceasing my attendance, I taught him to introduce the instrument, since which time he has occasionally used it. On 19th January last, I was hastily summoned to him in the night. I reached his house about 4 A. M. He then told me that about midnight, previous to going to bed, he had used the catheter and emptied his bladder, as before, without any pain or difficulty, and then lay down; in about a quarter of an hour he became very uneasy, felt pain in his kidneys, and wanted to make water again, which much surprised him, as he had so recently emptied his bladder. He tried to introduce the instrument and failed, upon which he became alarmed and sent for me, and finished by telling me “he should burst if I did not quickly help him.” His appearance at this time indicated mental and bodily suffering. His countenance was anxious, face blanched, skin cold and clammy, pulse 110 jerking and feeble, great pain in the inguinal and hypogastric regions. Upon examination I found the hypogastric region was occupied by the distended bladder, as high up as the navel, and could be felt as a round, firm and prominent tumour: the inguinal regions were full and tense. The history of the case and the symptoms left no doubt on my mind that the bladder was filled with blood. Without loss of time or any difficulty I introduced the catheter, and to my surprise nothing came away;—I withdrew the instrument and found the eye of it obstructed by a clot of blood. After clearing, I introduced it again, still nothing flowed: the poor fellow hereupon became greatly alarmed, lest he should be kept suffering until I could send home for a syringe to accomplish his relief. I now got a quill and adapted it to the