

I commenced the use of this new remedy on August the 10th, and, as the following extracts from my case-book will show, with most gratifying results to the patient:

Aug. 12th. From 10 p. m. to 10 a. m., passed about five pints of urine. Previously for many months, the quantity of urine passed during the night averaged five quarts.

13th. Quantity of urine passed during the night, rather less than three pints and a half. Thirst not so urgent.

14th. Quantity of urine passed during the night, two pints and a half. Urine strongly acid; specific gravity 1046. Thirst much less urgent.

16th. Quantity of urine passed during the night, rather less than forty ounces. The patient very much improved in every respect. I give her own words:—"I have no thirst now; no more than I had in olden times. I feel that I am cured if it will only last."—*Lancet*, Jan. 11, 1868, p. 45.

#### ON THE EXTERNAL USE OF DIGITALIS IN SUPPRESSION OF URINE.

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*Case 1.*—Mr. H., a healthy young farmer, aged 23, was suddenly seized with severe pain in the bowels and back. I saw him at the end of seven days. Bold treatment had been enforced by Dr. John Thomas, of Narberth, such as bleeding, sweating, blistering, warm baths, but in vain. A catheter was passed on my arrival, and about a teaspoonful of urine was removed, highly albuminous. His condition was nearly hopeless when we met the next day. Vomiting and nausea prevailed with heavy dull pains, and he was evidently sinking. It was now the ninth day, when we agreed to try the effects of digitalis. It was useless to administer it by mouth, and there was no time to lose. It was the month of May, and digitalis was plentiful. A poultice of leaves, bruised and warmed in boiling water, was applied at 12 a. m. We left, saying that if no urine came away by six in the evening a fresh poultice was to be applied. We had no sort of hope of the patient's recovery, and communicated our opinion to the friends on leaving. By 6 p. m. no urine. A fresh poultice was applied to the abdomen. About 10 that night urine passed. At 4 a. m. I was sent for, and Mr. Thomas who lived nearest, got to the house by 6 or 7. The messenger, to my utter surprise, said that they could not stop him making water. He had then made eight ordinary sized chamber vessels full, and was still making it when he left. We met at 10 a. m., but he never rallied; the drain was too