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Extraordinary case of passage of hairs from the bladder, giving rise to irritation of the bladder and frequent micturition. By JAMES A. SEWELL, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Professor of Theory and Practice of Medicine, and Dean of Medical Faculty, Laval University, Quebec.

Ann Vaughan, an orphan, at 3 years and 9 months, was admitted into the Female Orphan Asylum of this city, on the 18th May, 1873. She is very backward of her speech, and is of feeble intellect, though apparently she understands tolerably well what is said to her. Her habits are uncleanly, passing everything on the floor in a standing posture, and in the presence of the Matron.

Before her admission she had been adopted by a very respectable family, who discovered shortly after, that she was suffering from irritation of the bladder, passing water very frequently, with more or less pain.

On examining the urine each discharge was found to contain a number of hairs varying from one to seven inches in length. Examined under the microscope each hair showed a well defined bulb and all the characteristics of ordinary hair.

At this date she is still suffering from the above mentioned irritation, and passes about a dozen of these hairs every day. Generally, they are very fine and of a light color—occasionally, they are coarser and darker.

So far my case, though an uncommon one, is not unique,