

negative. St. pr. gonococcic urethritis for the first time. Was treated by an advertising charlatan. Duration of disease and treatment, fourteen weeks. No flocculi or filaments in the urine. Micturites regularly and normally. No gonococci found on repeated examination with double stain. Complains of pain in the meatus urinarius, independent of urination. The urethroscope reveals the urethra intact. (Combined inspection.) Urethra patulous and no strictures present (28 French). He claims that the pain is worse at night, of a darting or shooting character and of but brief duration. His appetite is poor and he is losing flesh. The high cerebral stimulants availed but little. Suasion and reasoning proved futile. He acquired a haggard, pinched, hangdog expression, walks stoopingly and haltingly, though formerly he was robust and his gait was straight and manly. He has consulted a number of physicians and nearly all of them pronounced it neurasthenia or "nervousness." He ultimately returned to the author, intimating that he is on the verge of committing suicide, if his condition did not assume a more favorable aspect.

These are only a few of a number of instances from the author's records coming under his observation, that proved exceedingly rebellious and unyielding to any form of treatment, on account of the psychic or suggestive features of the malady. It is very likely that the suicidal inclinations of the patient thus affected may at times be realized by him, or else he may drift into an asylum as the unhappy recipient of various mental disorders, the origin of which can doubtlessly be traced to the previous existence of some pathological condition of the urethral canal and its adnexa, pre-eminently so gonococcic or specific urethritis. Under a systematic vigilance in a retreat or asylum, with the aid of proper hygiene and dietetic treatment, compulsory but wholesome outdoor work and exercise, whereby the mind will receive an impetus in a different direction, together with both mechano-therapy and general massage, a cure might be reasonably expected in time. The fact remains, however, that these cases furnish the most unsatisfactory class that falls to the lot of the genito-urinary surgeon.

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FAULTY VISION AS A FACTOR IN ILL-HEALTH.*

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IN our lifelong struggle to preserve health and to overcome disease any suggestion we may receive as to probable and as yet generally unrecognized causes of ill-health must be of the greatest interest not only to the suffering patients, but also to the medical profession. If

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