



REMARKABLE CASE OF CIRCULAR CONSTRICTION OF THE
PENIS IN A BOY, PRODUCING A CONDITION OF ELEPHAN-
TIASIS.

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THE following case is of sufficient rarity and interest to be placed on record.

Gustave R., æt 15, was admitted into the wards of the Montreal General Hospital on September 2d, 1892, suffering from an enormous enlargement of penis and a urethral fistula. His history taken from the case-book is as follows: "At the age of three years had a fall which caused laceration of the under surface of the penis. The urethra was ruptured and the wound took some time to heal. Ever since the accident the boy has passed his water through the torn portion of the urethra which is about one inch from the root of the penis. His parents say that for some years the dorsum of the organ remained quite normal in appearance but later on the scar tissue about the old wound on the under surface began to grow and gradually encircled the penis causing at the same time an enlargement in its anterior part. During the past year this enlargement has increased much more rapidly and a deep furrow is now produced by the constricting band which gives the penis the appearance of hanging by a thin pedicle."

When I saw him first his penis presented a remarkable condition. The root was normal in size for about an inch, then came a deep furrow with cicatricial tissue at the bottom, this caused a great diminution of the circumference at this point and formed a pedicle by which hung an enormously enlarged and altered penis. There was, in fact, a condition of elephantiasis, the prepuce being especially enlarged. It looked as if a string had been tied around the organ and had produced this effect. (See cut.)