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### *Original Communications.*

#### **A CASE OF RENAL HAEMATURIA OF UNKNOWN CAUSE LASTING TWENTY YEARS.\***

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In spite of the rules laid down in the books it is sometimes difficult to locate the source of blood in the urine. This was so in the following case, which is worthy of being reported on account of the length of time the bleeding continued—twenty years—in spite of treatment, the alarming symptoms due to the loss of blood, the absence of other symptoms, and the final localization of the lesion, whatever it may be, in the right kidney.

J. B., aged 64, married, farmer, has consulted me several times during the last three years for "blood in his water." He has always been a healthy, hard-working man, and never had any serious illness; has had none of the acute infectious diseases except

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measles; never had malarial fever—was never out of the province. He uses tea and tobacco, but not alcohol. He is a light sleeper; his father and one brother were of a very nervous temperament and also light sleepers. There is no family history of tubercle or cancer; he says one sister was subject to very severe "cramps in her stomach," gradually emaciated and died. His first attack of haematuria occurred in the winter twenty years ago, coming on without any known cause and not affecting his health; the physician in attendance thought he must have strained himself without knowing it. It stopped in two months and did not return for three or four years. This second attack also commenced in the winter and lasted two months. The attacks gradually became more frequent and lasted longer, until during the last six years he has not been free from blood in his urine for more than a few weeks at a time. The blood has always been intimately mixed with the urine. There is no definite history of colic; there is seldom any pain in the loins. Micturition is not too frequent, and the amount of urine is about normal.