

circumstance, she at first denied it, but upon more careful inspection, found it was so. She fancied herself in the family way, not having seen a change since she had weaned her last child, since which a period of four months had elapsed. The case was placed under treatment, and a speedy recovery resulted.

*Case 5.*—Joseph M., a French Canadian, consulted me in August, 1859. He had intense scalding on passing urine; there was considerable discharge, the lips of the urethra were of a dusky red, and looked as though they had been touched with lunar caustic. The edges were everted, and a slight superficial slough existed on either lip. He declared he had never had connexion with any person but his own wife; that he had several days before, while she was unwell. He ridiculed the idea of its proceeding from such a cause, as he had done so on several occasions before with immunity. He was put under treatment; a cold water poultice, with lint and oil silk, was applied, and he was ordered to drink freely of flax seed tea. At the end of a week he was quite well.

For the following case I am indebted to my confrère, Dr. F. W. Campbell :

George J——n, a somewhat respectable-looking man, presented himself at the Montreal Dispensary on the 20th June, complaining of a profuse discharge from the urethra, accompanied by a good deal of scalding on making water. States that he has been married about seven weeks, and that since then has not had connection with any one but his wife. On enquiry I ascertained that on the fourth week after marriage the menstrual discharge came on his wife, and lasted for several days and during that time he had frequent intercourse with her. Almost immediately after, the discharge made its appearance. The patient was ordered a weak injection of sulphate of alum, and in a few days he was cured.

I have selected these cases from others in my note book all bearing on the same point. Other causes there are which have undoubtedly occasioned an inflammation of the urethra with all the concomitants of such a condition in any portion of the mucous lining of the body, in other regions. Such causes, as enumerated by authors, are blows, the passage of instruments, urethral calculi, violent exercise, especially horse exercise if long continued, and in hot weather, which is very apt to be followed by a blennorrhagic discharge.

Druitt mentions a case of long continued irritation of the urino-genital organs, attended with a discharge following a ride of several miles on horseback without a saddle. Certain articles of diet have been said to occasion a running, such as the continued use of salt meat, cayenne