

have delayed its appearance. It is proposed, however, to issue the volume during the coming summer, and its chief value will consist in its presentation of numerous well-authenticated cases of *reflex irritations* and *neuroses of the genito-urinary tract*, chief among which will appear a series of examples where spasmodic stricture of the deep urethra has been mistaken for organic stricture by the best and most experienced surgical authorities, and treated as such.

In addition to this evidence of the comparative safety of internal urethrotomy by the plans and procedures I have proposed, I am permitted to quote from a letter recently received from Dr. Stuart Eldridge, formerly Professor of Anatomy in the Georgetown Medical College, and at present Surgeon-in-Chief of the General Hospital at Yokohama, in which he reports over one hundred operations on stricture by dilating urethrotomy, according to my procedures. "Nearly one-half," says Dr. Eldridge, "were complicated with divulsions executed at the same sitting, the strictures being too small to admit your instrument, and I have not lost one." Dr. Eldridge confirms my claims of radical cure of stricture, in the most conclusive way, by publication of a case where the operation of dilating urethrotomy was performed upon a close stricture complicated with Bright's disease of the kidneys and tertiary syphilis. When the patient died, three years after, from syphilitic disease, at the *post-mortem* examination, *complete and permanent recovery from the stricture was demonstrated*. This account was published in the *New York Medical Journal* in the issue of July, 1878, with a carefully executed woodcut.

This example is considered so important as an absolute and indisputable proof of my claims in regard to the radical cure of urethral stricture, that the woodcut representing the specimen is reproduced at the close of the present volume, and the text of the case is quoted in full in the Appendix (page 353, *et sequitur*.)

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