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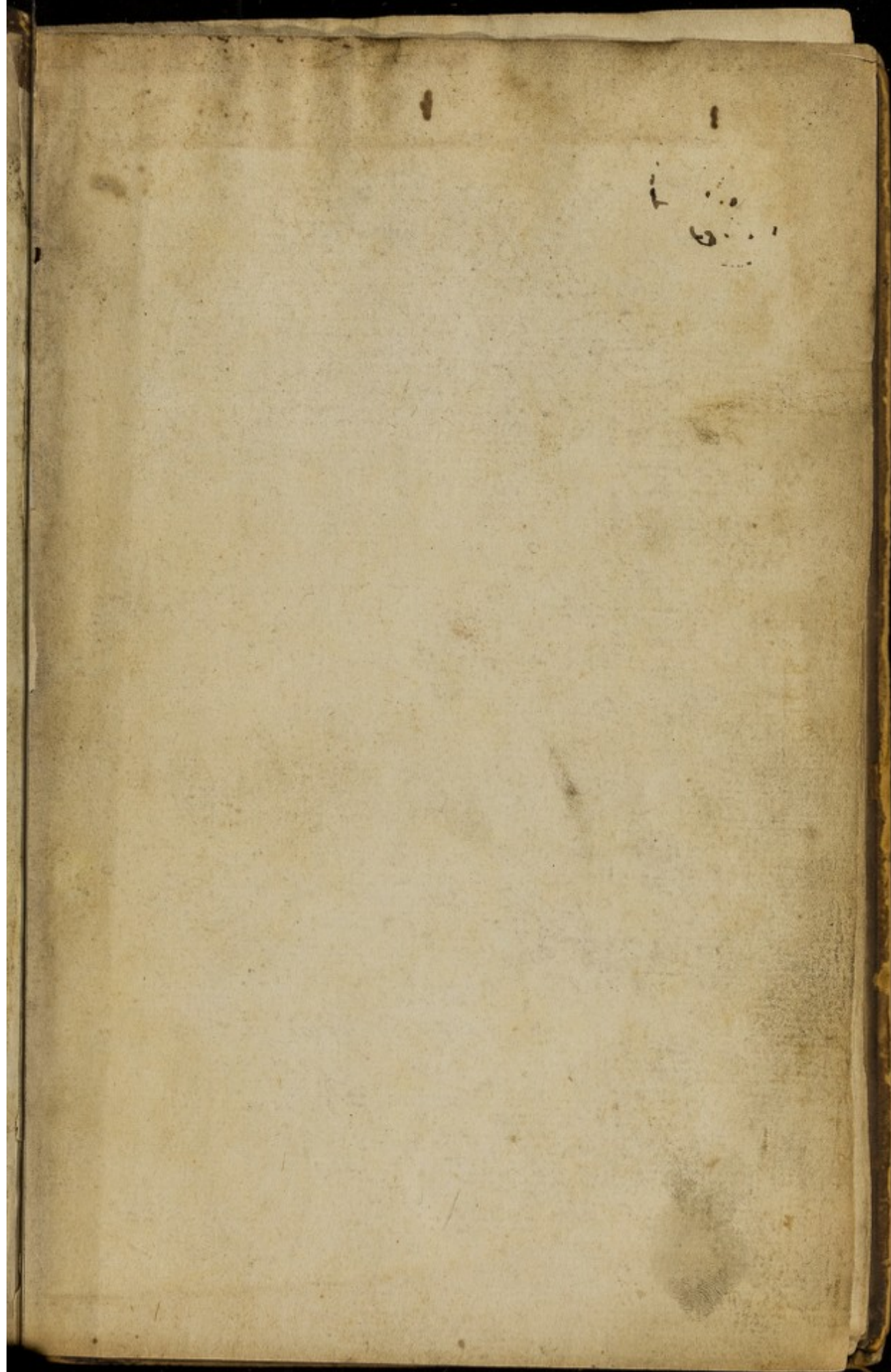
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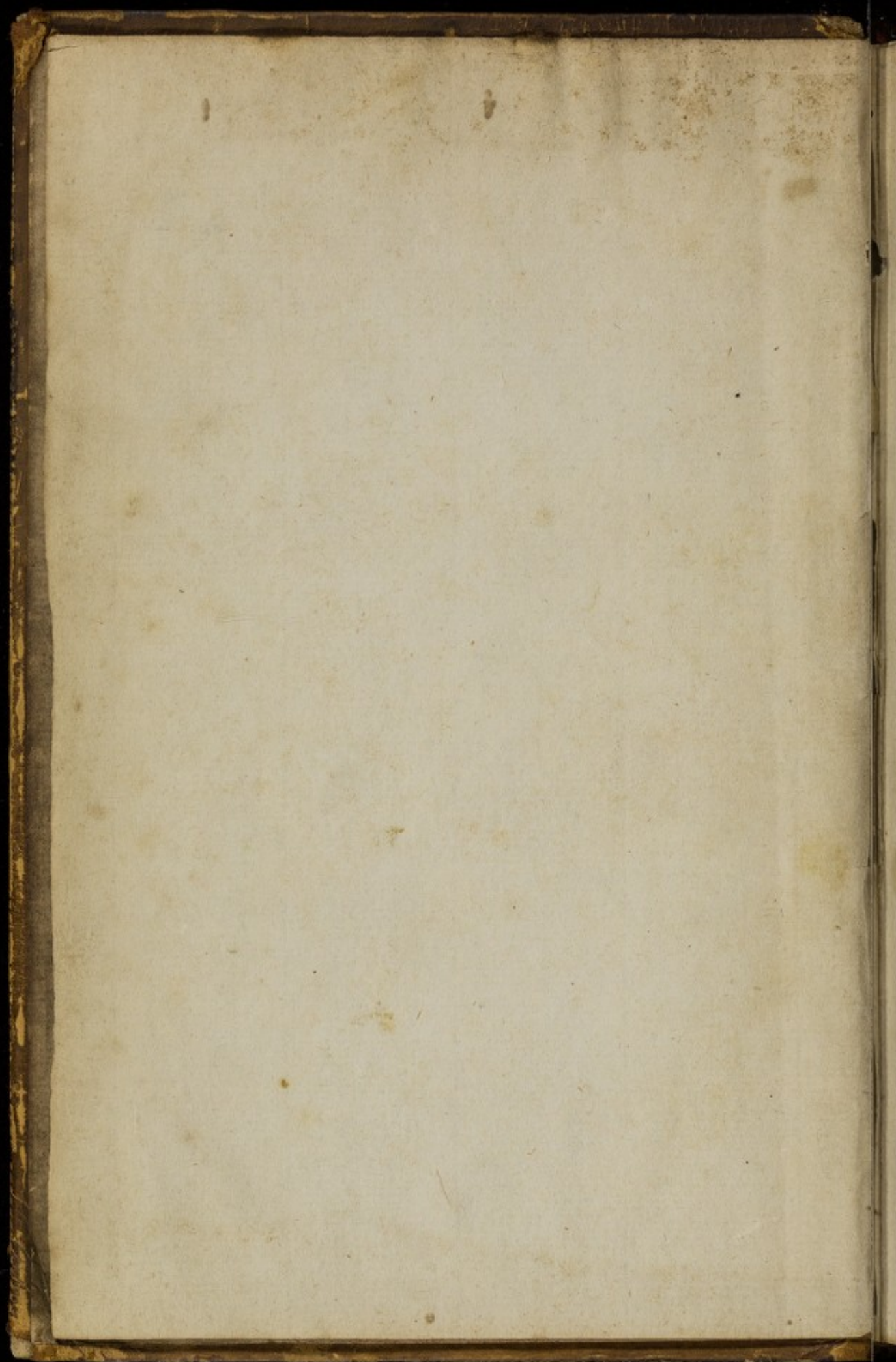
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Written originally in French, by
JEROME GARNIER, the
Author of the History of the
French Revolution, and of the
History of the French Republic.
But I am willing to venture
that my Translation, though
it is to some extent, even
in the most important
parts, is not so good as
the original, yet I have
written it with a view to
which I hope will be
of some use to the
public. I have also
added the Author of the
book, and the
Translator's name.

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Translator's Preface.

EVERY Translator claims the Privilege of extolling his Author, and setting him at the Head of all the numerous Legions of Writers : But I am willing to wave this my Privilege, knowing how hard it is to praise well, even where Praises are most due. My Task shall be confined to wiping off some Prejudices, which Jealousy and Envy, those near-allied Vices, have chiefly stirred up against the Author of this Book. There

are some, who aim to strike at the very Root of his Reputation, by robbing his Method of the Merit of Invention. If they knew how to cure before him, great is their Guilt for not putting their Knowledge in Practice; and that they did not, is undeniably proved, by the Number of unhappy Sufferers who have laboured for Years under Disorders of the Urethra, notwithstanding their repeated Applications to the most eminent Persons of the Profession. Some weakly object, that medicated Candles were used long before Mr. Daran was born: Thus, was any Ointment found out, which by a specific Quality should radically cure a Cancer, any one might wisely say, Ointments have been used against Cancers these many Ages past; this is therefore no new Discovery. Darts shot by Children are as harmless as they.

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Others acknowledge him an Inventor, and grant the full Merit to his Invention ; but at the same time ground their Accusation on this very Concession, loudly exclaiming against him for concealing from the World so beneficial a Discovery. If I am wrong in dissenting from these Gentlemen, who, I am persuaded, are actuated by no other Motive than that of the public Good, let Friendship and Gratitude be my Excuse ; but the best of Men are often hurried away with Opinions which a more narrow Inspection into Things would shew them to be groundless ; and I am apt to think this the present Case. What I shall offer here in Vindication of Mr. Daran's Character, is not the Produce of my own Imagination, but what I have

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heard him oftentimes mention himself in Conversation.

He first alleges, that had he made his Discovery public when Fortune first presented him with it, the Number of Patients that would then have fallen to his Share in this Branch of Business, must have been very inconsiderable, every Surgeon being as well qualified to cure as himself, as possessing the Means of it: Thus he could not have had the Opportunity of learning thoroughly the Nature of the various Disorders of the Urethra, by such a Number of repeated Observations, and, in consequence of them, to adapt his Medicines to the various Species and Degrees of them: For it is not one Distemper only that the Urethra is liable to; its Disorders are many, and
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owe their Origin to several Causes ; each of which must be well understood separately, and well distinguished from the rest ; which Knowledge cannot be acquired but by a strict and frequent Study of Nature.

He farther offers in his Defence, that what is generally known, is almost as soon generally neglected ; and that, if he had imparted his Remedy to the Public, it might have met with the same Fate as many valuable Medicines, which, while kept secret, were held in high Veneration, and yielded their Assistance to Man ; and, once known, were laid aside, and their Virtues forgotten. But, suppose the World had been more attentive to Mr. Daran's Remedy ; yet then, every Possessor of it, through the good Opinion that every Man, even the weakest, has of his
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own Abilities, would have thought himself capable of making some Improvements upon it. Some would have been for adding, others for curtailings; the Remedy would have been tortured a thousand Ways, and as many new Medicines would have arisen as there had been Imaginations at work upon it: So that the original one must have been confounded amongst the Multiplicity of Alterations, the Operator puzzled in his Choice of the Right or Wrong, and Posterity deprived of the Good that will now be transmitted to it from Century to Century: For now, whenever he thinks proper to bestow this valuable Gift upon the World, the settled Reputation he has acquired by the vast Number of Cures he has had an Opportunity of performing, by dispensing Health with his own Hands only, will render his Remedy sacred,
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and keep back the profane Hand that would attempt to alter it.

But while Mr. Daran keeps his Secret inclosed in his own Bosom, he cannot be compared to him that buried his Talent in the Earth, unserviceable to himself and others ; he extends the Good of it, and distant Nations feel the happy Effects of his Invention, much more, perhaps, than if he had divulged his Discovery : Spain, Portugal, the West-Indies, and several other Places, have Emissaries from him, whom he has intrusted with his Remedies, after having instructed them in the proper Use and Management of them. England has not been forgot : Invited by Mr. Daran, I went over to Paris, where I lived with him for some time ; and I was not a bare Spectator of his Cures ; he armed my Hands with his Remedies,

and, though above wanting any Assistance, deigned to receive me for an Assistant: I saw him cure, and acted in the Cures, being properly directed and cautioned by him throughout the Course of them: His Remarks and Observations, the collected Treasures of many Years, were opened to me; and I was made Partaker of the Fruits of his Labour and Experience. He has put into my Possession all his different Remedies, both internal and external; and, as my Stock exhausts, I receive fresh Supplies. And lest those that have no Knowledge of me, should call my Veracity in Question, I have hereto annexed Mr. Daran's Certificate, with the Attestation of Mr. Chicoyneau, first Physician to the French King; which are both in my own Custody, and may be seen by whosoever requires it.

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As I do not pretend to know the Composition of Mr. Daran's Remedies (for this he has not divulged to any Man living), some, with a View of robbing me of the Esteem of the World, in the mistaken Persuasion, that their Reputation rises as that of others falls, represent it as mean to administer any Remedy, without being acquainted with the component Ingredients of it: But if this be a Meanness, it is common to me with every Professor of the Art of Healing: For is not every Simple a Compound of Nature's own composing? Doth not an Infinity of various Particles, unknown to us, enter into its Compositions? What know we of the Peruvian Bark, but its Effects? Who dares to assert, that he knows the different Bodies, from whose particular Modifications, and Combinations with one another,

another, it results? We know its specific Qualities, where salutary, and where noxious; and my Knowledge extends as far, with regard to the Remedies which Mr. Daran has put into my Hands: I know their different Manner of operating, in what particular Cases each Sort is required, where to use them, and where to forbear it; they become Simples in my Hands, whose Virtues I have been taught by Experience; and I should have thought myself guilty of Disregard for my own Countrymen, if I had refused to transport Health into this Island, because I knew not in what Shape she was to come: But those that are bent upon raising Objections, never fail being endued with fruitful Imaginations.

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“ **I** The underwritten, Surgeon in
“ ordinary to the King in Quarterly
“ Waiting, do certify, That Mr.
“ TOMKYNs, Surgeon, of *London*, is
“ the only Person in *London* whom
“ I supply with the Remedies I
“ make use of at *Paris* for the Disorders
“ of the *Urethra*; and that
“ those who labour under such Disorders,
“ may, with great Safety, trust
“ themselves to his Care, he having
“ sufficiently practised under me to
“ learn the Use and Application of
“ the said Remedies; which I shall
“ continue to supply him with as he
“ shall have Occasion for them.

“ *DARAN.*”

“ **I** The underwritten, Counsellor
“ of State in ordinary, and first
“ Physician to the King, do certify,
“ That the above is the Hand-writing
“ of Mr. *Daran*, Surgeon in ordinary
“ to the King in Quarterly Waiting;
“ and that Credit may be given to it.

“ *CHICOYNEAU.*”

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R E M A R K S

O N T H E

Disorders of the Urethra.

I N T R O D U C T I O N.

MY Design is not to present the Public with a Treatise on the virulent Gonorrhœa ; it is its Consequences I have in view, never meddling with the other, but when it proves obstinate, or is contracted more than once, in which case it is generally of a worse Nature ; and the usual Treatment this Disease meets with among the People of the Profession mostly leaving room to doubt, whether what appears a fresh Illness is not a Re-appearance of the first : For I think I can demonstrate, that the Remedies usually administered against this Disorder, are mostly defective. This will appear less strange, by considering the vast Number of People that labour under bad Consequences from it, which in some begin not to shew themselves till a long while after their supposed Cure ; which would not be the Case, if the Method commonly used was capable of procuring a perfect one. But, was I to lay down Rules for the right Treat-

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ment of a Gonorrhœa, I must at the same time lay open too much the Method I follow, with so much Success, against the Mischief that is so often owing to it. I will one Day shew, that my Remedies are equally efficacious against a Gonorrhœa and its Consequences, and the only ones capable of producing both these Effects without any Danger of a Relapse ; and I will hereafter, from a Number of Cases and Observations, which a successful Practice of twenty Years hath supplied me with, give the Public a complete Treatise on the Gonorrhœa, where I shall shew its Seat, its diagnostic and prognostic Signs, and the Method of Cure. What I aim at at present, is only to treat of its Consequences.

Notwithstanding their various Appearances, they may be reduced to two Heads ; an obstinate Discharge by the Urethra, and a Difficulty of making Water. An Ulcer is the usual Source of this obstinate Running, which sometimes, however, affords but a trifling Discharge, which the Stream of Urine washes away, and renders imperceptible. This I will prove hereafter. I will at present endeavour to explain the Nature of the venereal Strangury ; but I beg the Reader not to forget, that I only treat here of the Disorders of the Urethra, and not of those of the Kidnies and Bladder.

Causes of the Venereal Strangury.

The Urethra being lessened in its Diameter, is the only Cause that can obstruct the Urine. This is occasioned either by an unnatural Contraction of its Fibres, or by something filling Part of its Cavity, or by its being compressed outwardly by some Tumor in the Parts which surround it. The obvious Causes of a venereal Obstruction of Urine are then,
1. A Contraction or Shortening of the Fibres of the Urethra.

Urethra. 2. Callosities, or hard Cicatrices, left by former Ulcers ill treated. 3. Caruncles, or Carnofities, which sprout up upon these Ulcers now become fungous. 4. Callous and virulent Ulcers, situated on the Mouths of the excretory Ducts of the Prostate Glands, *Vesiculæ Seminales*, and of all the Glands which supply the Urethra with a Liquor to lubricate it. 5. A considerable Swelling of the *Veru Montanum*, which even sometimes becomes scirrhus. 6. Callous Swellings of the Prostate Glands, or *Vesiculæ Seminales*. 7. These Parts become fungous, or of a spongy Nature, and easily disposed to swell. 8. Some particular Concretion lessening the Diameter of the Urethra. We shall consider each of these Causes separately.

The Contraction of the Fibres of the Urethra.

The First Cause.

I know of nothing capable of contracting the Fibres of the Urethra, but sharp, stimulating, and astringent Remedies; whose Particles, by their Irritation, crisp them up, as it were, and lessen their natural Length. These Particles have much the same Effect on the Fibres, as the Matter itself which is produc'd in the Urethra by the venereal *Virus*; which, by stimulating its Fibres, shorten them to such a Degree, that they become incapable of the Extension they are naturally design'd to have, when the Blood is forc'd into the *Corpora cavernosa Penis*; whence is produc'd that Symptom call'd Chordee: Because, in this Case, the Shortness of the Urethra pulls down the Glans, as it were, with a Cord. This Complaint, which is also owing, in a great measure, to the inflammatory State of the Parts, is, of all other, the most troublesome and painful; Erections being most frequent in the worst Gonorrhoeas:

rhœas : If, then, it is true, that Astringents, us'd in a Gonorrhœa have much the same Effect as the *Virus* that first produc'd it, was there no other Reason, their Use ought to be intirely abolish'd; but there are many more. And the best Practitioners have long inveigh'd against their Use, in all Cases, but especially in Gonorrhœas, and with a great deal of Reason. Tho' what I have said here be somewhat foreign to my Subject, as Astringents are only remote Causes of the Difficulty of Urine, it concerns the Public too nearly to be undeceiv'd of their pretended Efficacy, to let this Opportunity pass by without doing it.

The bad Effects of Astringents.

Those who will take the Trouble of reading my Observations, will see how little is to be trusted to them. Several of my Patients have us'd them without any Benefit; others, after having seen them answer in Appearance, have been fortunate enough to overcome the Violence of their Action by the mere Help of Nature, and the Running has appear'd again; others, because, perhaps, their Injections were both cathæretic and astringent, have had no Return of the Running, but have paid dearly for the Suppression of a Discharge much more troublesome than painful. I conjecture, that Injections of this Nature were administer'd to the Patient treated of in Case 71. Book III. which brought on so great a Contraction of the Passage, that the Course of Urine was intirely stopp'd: These Reasons have induc'd me to place this Contraction among the Number of Causes of the venereal Difficulty of Urine.

It is obvious, that Emollients are serviceable in these Contractions; and that the greater their emollient Quality is, the more efficacious they are: But
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can there be a better Reason for banishing intirely the Use of Astringents, than their want of Efficacy, either in not operating at all, or in having but a transitory Effect, or a dangerous one when it lasts, which we are oblig'd to destroy, to prevent Mischief?

That these are their usual Effects, no one can doubt. And I can apply to all honest Practitioners for the Truth of what I assert. But as my Readers cannot ask them the Question themselves, let us give them the Sentiments of those whose Authority cannot be call'd in Question. *Astruc*, in the 3d Book of his *Treatise on Venereal Disorders*, Chap. X. speaking of the Errors usually committed in the Treatment of Gonorrhœas, mentions "the injudicious Use of astringent Injections into the Urethra in Men, and into the Vagina in Women, with the *Lap. Medicamentos. Croll. Colcoth.* the Powder of *Verny*, and with such styptic, vitriolic, aluminous Powders, which, by streightening the Urethra, bring on dreadful Stranguries, which succeed but too much already to Gonorrhœas, and cause often a general Infection, whenever the least Particle of *Virus* still remains in the *Semen*, or seminal Fluids, whose Discharge is suppress'd." He adds, in the 4th Chapter, that the rash Use of astringent Injections, by stopping a virulent Running, is to be look'd on as one of the Causes of the Abscess in *Perinæo*, which succeeds to a Gonorrhœa. To have a just Idea of these Abscesses, take but the Trouble of reading *Cases* 1. 84. and 94. of *Book III.* and you will see what Miseries Men are plung'd into by them.

Col De Vilars is fuller than *Astruc*, on the bad Effects of Astringents. I will transcribe here, what he says on that Subject in the 4th Book of his *Treatise of Surgery*.

"This Method of curing virulent Gonorrhœas is as dangerous as it is speedy. Experience has but too often taught us, that vitriolic, astringent Inje-

" ctions, or those that are loaded with a fix'd acid
 " Salt, as those of *Musitan*, those made up with the
 " *Lap. Medicament. Colcoth.* or styptic and alumi-
 " nous Powders, that suddenly stop the Discharge,
 " never fail bringing on very bad Symptoms, often
 " an universal Taint, when they are administer'd at
 " the Beginning of the Disease, or before the *Virus*
 " has been subdu'd by suitable Remedies. For the
 " Matter which is running off, or beginning to run
 " off, from those Organs which are the Seat of the
 " Gonorrhœa, being stopp'd of a sudden, accumu-
 " lates, ferments, and becomes of a sharper Na-
 " ture; infecting all the Fluids that are brought
 " there. This *Virus*, increasing thus in Quantity
 " and Quality, affects all the Parts of Generation,
 " falls even down into the Testicles by the *Vasa de-*
 " *ferentia*, brings on a violent Inflammation, or in-
 " creases that which was beginning to appear, chiefly
 " in the Urethra, and Neck of the Bladder: For
 " the Blood-vessels being contracted and strangled,
 " by the Irritations occasion'd by the saline and
 " styptic Parts of the Injection to their Fibres,
 " the Circulation of the Blood is obstructed;
 " whence arise Swellings of the *Corpora Cavernosa*
 " and *Corpus Spongiosum Urethræ*, Ulcers in the Pas-
 " sage, Dysury, Strangury, and all the worst Sym-
 " ptoms that attend a Gonorrhœa. If the *Virus* is
 " very subtil and active, and its Discharge by the
 " Urethra is stopp'd, it makes its way into the lym-
 " phatic and Blood-vessels, mixes itself with the
 " whole Habit of Body, and produces a general
 " *Lues*, which soon manifests itself by Head-achs,
 " nocturnal Pains all over the Body, Exostoses,
 " Eruptions, Buboës, or venereal Ulcers; unless the
 " Poison fixes itself, for some time, in some Part or
 " other, whence it may be roused afterwards by
 " some Distemper, or Irregularity of Living. But
 " if this *Virus* is of a gross, sluggish, inactive Na-
 " ture,

“ture, and is lodg’d only in the Glands of the
 “Urethra, whence it has not had time to disintangle
 “and rouse itself, it fixes its Abode in these Glands,
 “hardens them, and remains dormant there some-
 “times for a considerable Number of Years, with-
 “out occasioning any bad Symptom; till, heated and
 “enliven’d by some external or internal Cause, it be-
 “gins to act, and produces some particular Com-
 “plaints, which are seldom attributed to their real
 “Cause.”

Col De Vilars, in observing, that Astringents cause a great deal of Mischief, when us’d at the Beginning, or before the Virulence is off, seems to insinuate, that there is not the same Danger in using them at the End of the Disease, or when the Virulence is remov’d. I confess, that the Use of Astringents might be adviseable, if the Running was owing only to the Relaxation of the excretory Ducts; but Experience has taught me, that this Complaint is the Effect of an Ulcer in the Urethra that has remain’d uncicatriz’d; for which Reason, I intirely banish the Use of Astringents in general in the Cure of Gonorrhœas.

Callosities, or Cicatrices.

The Second Cause.

The Callosities, or callous Scars, commonly call’d Strictures, which venereal Ulcers have, by ill Treatment, left in the Urethra after their Cure, are the second Cause of the venereal Difficulty of Urine.

Astruc is also of my Opinion, in admitting this as one of the Causes of this Disorder. This eminent Author, as also *Col De Vilars*, will often be mention’d in this Book, because their Works not only contain in them whatever has been wrote with

Judgment on the venereal Disease, but they explain themselves with so much Order and Perspicuity, that I would not deprive my Readers of the Light they confer upon these Subjects. Thus *Astruc*, Book III. Chap. IV. in the fore-mention'd Treatise: "If the
 "Ulcers heal at last, which they effectually often
 "do, there is Danger of their leaving, in their Room,
 "hard Cicatrices, and of the Membrane of the
 "Urethra becoming wrinkled and contracted in that
 "Part, whence its Diameter will be lessen'd, especially if the Ulcers were deep, and their Cicatrices
 "be callous; which often happens in these Kinds of
 "Ulcers, which we cannot come at to deterge.
 "Here is then a second Cause of the Strangury, or
 "Difficulty of Urine, which will easily produce a
 "total Suppression, if the Cicatrices happen to swell.
 "To confirm what I have said, I can produce the
 "similar Case of those who remain what the *French*
 "call *bridé* after a Salivation, which is owing to
 "the Ulcers of the Mouth having eat in as
 "far as the Tendons of the masticatory Muscles;
 "whence the hard Cicatrices which form themselves
 "upon these Ulcers, pucker up, as it were, the
 "Tendons, which by that means tie up the lower
 "Jaw with so much Force, that they are not able
 "to open their Mouths."

I could bring several others who admit of Callosities in the Urethra: But I will stop with *Dionis*; who, treating of the Obstructions Surgeons meet with in passing the Catheter into the Bladder, mentions *Callosities along the Urethra, occasion'd by the Scars of Ulcers, which so far lessen its Diameter, as to prevent the Introduction of the Catheter, in spite of all Endeavours us'd to force it in.* He again speaks more fully on this Subject in treating of *Carnosities*, which shall be mention'd in the following Article.

*Carnosities, Caruncles, or Excrescences.**The Third Cause.*

The Third Cause of the venereal Strangury arises from Caruncles, Carnosities, or Excrescences, which sprout up upon the Ulcers of the Urethra, when become fungous. Several eminent Surgeons and Anatomists deny the Existence of Carnosities; among others, *Palsyn* and *Dionis*, who, of the two last-mention'd Causes, make but one. This is what is alleg'd by the first in his *Chirurgical Anatomy*, Part II. Chap. XXII. "As the Cicatrices which ensue from
 " these Ulcers render the Diameter of the Urethra
 " narrower, this Narrowness of the Passage hinders
 " the free Egrefs of the Urine, and is mistaken for
 " an Excrescence, to which the Name of Carnosity
 " is given. But as the Urine of those who give
 " themselves up to an Excess of Drinking" (he might have said to any other Excess), "being excessively
 " heated, stimulates the Urethra, and causes a Flu-
 " xion of Humours, which swells the Parts round
 " the Cicatrices, which are harder, and less flexible,
 " than the rest of the Passage; these Swellings prove
 " so many Obstacles to the coming out of the Urine:
 " And in passing a Candle or Probe into the Urethra,
 " every one of them cause a Resistance; which in-
 " duces the Operator to believe, that his Instrument
 " is stopp'd by so many Carnosities."

Palsyn seems to have declar'd his Sentiment against Carnosities, after due Reflection; and, according to all Appearance, what follows here strengthened his Opinion.

"*Garengeot*," says he, lower, "in his *Treatise on*
 " *Chirurgical Operations* (first Edition), relates, That
 " Mr. *Arnaud* denies their Existence; and that Mr.
 " *Petit*, an eminent Surgeon of *Paris*, who is of the
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" same Opinion, affirms, That he has open'd several
 " Persons whom one might have expected to have
 " labour'd under these pretended Carnosities or Ci-
 " catrices; who, nevertheless, had the internal Sur-
 " face of the Urethra very smooth: So that the Ob-
 " struction, perceivable by the Catheter, is, according
 " to these Gentlemen, nothing but a Swelling of the
 " spongy Substance of the *Urethra*, which streightens
 " it; and is occasion'd by some of its Vessels being va-
 " ricous" (he here directs to the 73d Observation of
Saviard). " Mr. *Petit*," adds *Palfyn*, " has pre-
 " sented to the *Royal Academy of Sciences* the Bladder
 " of a Man who died of a Suppression of Urine,
 " who was the twelfth he had opened that had died
 " of that Distemper, without meeting with any Car-
 " nosity in their *Urethra*: In the third of these he
 " found the Prostate Gland pressing in upon the Neck
 " of the Bladder, and, by that means, preventing the
 " Passage of the Urine, and rendering the Intro-
 " duction of the Catheter extremely difficult."

" The Reality of this Distemper," says *Dionis*, in
 his *Operations of Surgery*, Demonst. III. " has been
 " thought so well establish'd by our Predecessors,
 " that no-body has dar'd to contradict it. They
 " gave out, that the virulent Humour in a Gonor-
 " rhœa, distilling continually from the Prostate Glands,
 " ulcerates the *Urethra* by its Acrimony; and that
 " from thence ensues fungous Flesh, which causes
 " this Disorder. It was rather the Interest of those
 " who pretended to particular Remedies for its Cure,
 " to confirm this Error, than to expose it; and so
 " much the more, as this Distemper was given up
 " by real Surgeons, and was become the Prey of Em-
 " pirics, and Boasters of Nostrums."

Carnosities are, then, according to *Dionis*, the
 Children of Interest and Deceit. *Surgeons have given
 up this Distemper; it is become the Prey of Empi-
 rics.* This hard Sentence pronounc'd against the
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greatest Men that ever treated of the venereal Disease, against the most skilful Surgeons of former Ages, against the famous *Paré*, is farther confirmed in this Author. “ In spite of the strictest Search I
 “ have made in opening those Bodies who were said
 “ to have laboured under them, I have not yet met
 “ with any, nor have I ever seen any Surgeon that
 “ affirms to have seen them, I mean any that deserves to be credited. I know there are many
 “ who labour under the Complaints I have mention’d;
 “ but they are not owing to Carnosities: They are
 “ the Consequences of one or several Gonorrhœas,
 “ that have corroded and ulcerated the Urethra in
 “ several Places. Now the Cicatrices, which ensue
 “ upon these Ulcers, being hard, and somewhat of
 “ the Nature of a Callus, contract the Passage; and
 “ the Urine meets thereby with an Impediment in
 “ its coming out; and these same Cicatrices obstruct
 “ the Introduction of the Catheter, which is imagin’d
 “ to hit against Carnosities.”

Mr. *De la Faye*, a famous Surgeon of *Paris*, in his Remarks upon *Dionis’s Treatise of Operations*, not only falls in with the Opinion of his Author, but confirms it by Authorities. “ The Difficulties and
 “ Suppressions of Urine,” says he, “ which happen
 “ to those who in their Youth have had one or several Gonorrhœas, whether ill or well treated, are
 “ occasion’d by these last Disorders” (Strictures in the Urethra by Cicatrices, the varicous Swelling of the *Corpus Spongiosum Urethræ*, and that of the Prostate Gland); “ and not by fleshy Excrescences or
 “ Carnosities, as it was imagin’d formerly, and as
 “ some still maintain to this Day. The Dissection of
 “ the Bodies of those who have died of this Disorder, has dissuaded our Author from this Opinion, as also, all the good Practitioners of these
 “ Days” (See the *Ephemerides of Germany*, Cent. 1. and 2. or *The Chirurgical Library of Manget*, and the

the 73d Observation of *Saviard*); “for they have
 “not met with those fleshy Excrescences in the
 “Urethra, but hard Cicatrices caus’d by Ulcers,
 “which contracted the Parts; or the Prostate Gland
 “tumified, and pressing upon the Neck of the
 “Bladder; or, in fine, a varicous Swelling of the
 “*Corpus Spongiosum Urethrae*, occasion’d by Irregu-
 “larities of any kind, when these hard Cicatrices
 “have already begun to lessen the Diameter of the
 “*Urethra*, the least Swelling of the Parts is suffi-
 “cient to bring on a total Suppression of Urine.
 “I have examined a great Number of Bodies of
 “Persons that died of this Distemper, or had la-
 “boured under it while alive; and I have never
 “met with any fleshy Excrescence, or even Wart.
 “Nevertheless I do not believe it impossible but
 “that they may be met with in the *Urethra*, pro-
 “ceeding from Ulcers, as it happens in other Parts
 “of the Body. What we may conclude from the
 “foregoing Observations is, that this is seldom the
 “Cause, and that hard Cicatrices, the Swelling of
 “the Prostate Gland, and that of the *Corpus Spong.*
 “*Urethrae*, are the most frequent Causes of these
 “Sorts of Suppressions of Urine.”

After such positive Authorities, doth not Interest
 or Obstinacy seem to be the only possible Motives
 for maintaining the Existence of Carnosities? Does not
 Mr. *Petit*, the Man in all *Europe* who has had it most
 in his Power to learn, by Dissection, the Nature of
 venereal Complaints, and who, to use the Words of
Palsyn, has opened a great Number of unhappy
 Victims of the Fire of Youth, declaring himself
 against Carnosities, seem to force the Assent of
 every body to his Opinion? *Dionis*, nor any other
 Surgeon that he knows of, at least not any that
 deserve to be credited, have ever been able to find
 out any. Mr. *De la Faye* has never met with any
 fleshy Excrescence, or even Wart, in any of the Bo-
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dies he has dissected, who had died of this Distemper, or who had laboured under it while alive : Can any thing be more positive than these Authorities ?

It is not Interest that engages me to stand against these worthy Gentlemen : For what avails it to me what Name is given to the several disorderly States of the Urethra, whereby its Diameter being lessened, the Passage of Urine is interrupted ? It is sufficient for me and the Public, that I easily and radically overcome those Obstacles, of whatsoever Nature they be. It would redound greatly to my Honour, if they were all reckoned Callosities, which *Dionis* pronounces incurable ; my curing them would then be a Miracle. “ When, says he, Callosities in the Urethra have drove us to this Puncture (*in Perinæo*), the Patient must resolve to wear a Cannula the rest of his Life.” And in my Method we have to do with neither Puncture nor Cannula. But the clearing up this still doubtful Point, obliges me to engage in the Dispute ; and I hope to do it to the Satisfaction of every one.

I answer then to the Authors I have quoted ; 1st, That it is possible (tho’ it were somewhat extraordinary indeed), that in the several Bodies mentioned to have been opened by Anatomists, no Carnosity might be met with ; and yet, as the Number of those who have not been opened, is infinitely greater, their negative Argument might be of no Force ; and Mr. *de la Faye* himself grants the Possibility of these Excrescences.

I answer, 2dly, by bringing other Authorities which make for me ; and I say also, that we may conclude from the Words of *Dionis*, that some Surgeons have mentioned the Existence of Carnosities. It is true, he does not look upon them as worthy to be credited ; but it is but too well known how Assent is given or refused, as People fall in with our Opinions, or contradict them. The va-
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ricous Swelling of the spongy Substance of the Urethra, which Mr. *De la Faye* admits of, with *Arnaud* and *Petit*, is a kind of Carnosity, as we shall prove hereafter.

If Excrescences have met with Antagonists of great Name, they have also met with great Protectors. "Carnosities," says *Paré*, Book XIX. "are discover'd by the Catheter, that cannot be introduced freely into the Urethra, but meets with as many Stops as there are Carnosities; as also, by the Difficulty the Patient has to make Water. The Water comes out like a Thread, fork'd, obliquely, sometimes Drop by Drop, with violent Straining; so that the Patient is often oblig'd to go to Stool at the same time, as it happens to those who have the Stone in the Bladder: After having ceas'd to make Water, there remains some Part of it behind the Carnosity; the same happens to the *Semen in Coitu*, so that he is oblig'd to press them gently out of the *Penis* afterwards: Some are attack'd with a total Suppression of Urine, in which the Bladder suffers such a painful Distention, that a great Inflammation and Abscesses in several Places ensue, and the Urine pent in makes itself several Outlets through the *Perinaeum*, the *Scrotum*, through the Body of the *Penis*, by the Groin, as I have seen it happen to several; and this State of the Distemper is incurable."

These are *Paré*'s own Words. Must the Title of real Surgeon be refus'd him, because he argues for Carnosities? Is he an Empiric, or a Boaster of Nostrums? Will it be said, that his Interest led him to countenance this false Notion, rather than to oppose it? Such is, however, the Judgment we must make of him, if we are ruled by *Dionis*. For my Part, I believe, that what he advanced was grounded on what he had seen; and no Proof to the contrary can be

be brought. Perhaps he has been too prodigal of the Name of Carnosity; but this Mistake he might easily fall into, as Callosities may produce the same Effect. But this is stopping too long about presumptive Proofs, when positive ones are at hand.

We may very well suppose, that *Col De Vilars* was not ignorant of what we have mention'd; but the Existence of Callosities has not been thought, by him, to destroy that of Carnosities. "It is usual," says he, "to attribute this Strangury to Carnosities bred in the Urethra by the Ulcers caus'd there by the venereal *Virus*: It is true, that these Carnosities or Caruncles, which are nothing but Hyperfarcoses, or Excrescences of fungous or callous Flesh, may be form'd there, as it happens to all other Ulcers; and they have in Reality been found there, contrary to the Opinion of many. But this is not the only one, nor the most frequent Cause of this Strangury." He says it is owing chiefly to Strictures, the Swelling of the *Veru Montanum*, Cowper's or Prostate Glands. We shall have Occasion to speak of these several Causes, and to examine whether Carnosities are as rarely met with as he imagines: It is enough, for the present, that, *contrary to the Opinion of many People, they are really met with.* Let us now return to *Astruc*.

These are his own Words, in the 3d Book of his fore-mention'd Treatise, Chap. IV. "As the venereal Ulcers of the Urethra cannot be come at with deterfive Remedies, but, on the contrary, grow more and more sordid every Day, being continually over-run by purulent Secretions, and a very sharp Urine; they must often produce Excrescences of fungous Flesh, to which the Name of Carnosities or Caruncles is given; which are callous or fungous, large or small, broad or flat, or long and slender; situated in this or that Part of the Urethra, more or less numerous, according to
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“ the Quality and Quantity of the Humour which
 “ produced them, and according to the Extent,
 “ Number, and Situation of the Ulcers, which ne-
 “ ver happens without greatly obstructing the
 “ Urine.

“ I am not ignorant, that several Physicians in
 “ these Days look upon the Existence of Caruncles
 “ as a Chimæra; and they are, perhaps, induced to
 “ this Belief by no other Reason (considering the
 “ Unsettledness of Mens Opinions) than because the
 “ Physicians of the last Centuries look’d upon Ca-
 “ runcles as the only Causes of the Strangury that
 “ comes on after Gonorrhœas; but they are both
 “ blameworthy, for having judg’d with too much
 “ Precipitation. The Antients are wrong in reject-
 “ ing all the other Causes of Strangury, which are
 “ even more considerable, and more frequent; and
 “ the Moderns are inexcusable for denying rashly,
 “ and without Foundation, the Existence of Carun-
 “ cles; since what happens to all other sordid Ulcers
 “ shews, by Analogy, the Possibility of them; and
 “ the Dissection of Bodies, the Reality of them.
 “ It is true, they are not so frequently met with as
 “ the Antients did imagine, and as Mountebanks
 “ still believe; but they are frequent enough to de-
 “ serve being rank’d among the other Causes of the
 “ Strangury.”

“ If Mr. *Astruc* had had the handling of my Can-
 dles as often as myself, he could not express himself
 with more Correctness on the Situation and Shape of
 Carnosities; my Observations tally exactly with
 what he advances about them: Twenty Years Pra-
 ctice do not enable me to add any thing farther.
 But how comes it to happen, that the Opening of
 Bodies shews the real Existence of Carnosities? And
 that *Dionis*, *Petit*, and *La Faye*, who have opened
 so many, have never perceiv’d any? Perhaps, in the
 Bodies they open’d, the relax’d flabby State of the
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Parts render'd these Excrescences imperceptible; or, perhaps, really the Stoppages they had perceiv'd in their Patients, during their Lives, were of another Nature.

As Messieurs *Astruc* and *Col De Vilars* go no farther than barely saying that the Dissection of Bodies has prov'd the Existence of Carnosities, without bringing any Fact; the Reader will not be displeas'd at my making Amends for this Omission. *Ant. Pascal*, in his Treatise on Gonorrhœas, *Article 3.* mentions two Soldiers, who died in 1718. in the Hospital of *Milan*, who were open'd in the Presence of several Physicians, whose Urethras were found beset with fungous and callous Excrescences, that occasion'd their Deaths, by bringing on so stubborn a Suppression of Urine, that it yielded to no sort of Remedy, not even to the Operation they underwent to procure the Evacuation of it.

This Fact is unquestionable; and had it been liable to the least doubt, I would not have ventur'd inserting it in a Memorial I presented in 1730. to Count *Garelli*, first Physician to the Emperor *Charles VI.* who was desirous of being inform'd of my Method of Cure in the Treatment of the bad Consequences of Gonorrhœas, before he would entrust me with the care of several Persons of the first Distinction in the Imperial Court.

But why should I call in the Assistance of the Dead, when the Living can speak for me? I am ready to convince the most incredulous, by making them feel, themselves, the Carnosities; so as not to leave them the least room to call them in question. Nothing can give me more Pleasure, than being taken at my Word. I will demonstrate to them, as far as it is possible, that real Excrescences, wholly different from Strictures caus'd by Cicatrices, are form'd in the Urethra: For was there nothing but Strictures brought on by this Cause, those Parts of

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the *Urethra* which were nearest to the Obstacle would be the most contracted, and those which were the most remote would be the least so; so that this Tube would resemble two Funnels, whose Points met at the Stricture: Whereas I can shew, that a Carnosity is a sort of *Fungus*, which grows in one Part of the *Urethra*, without its Diameter being lessen'd either on one Side or other of it. And I have prov'd the Truth of what I advance to several of the most eminent and learned Physicians and Surgeons, by dressing, in their Presence, the Patient who is the Subject of the 71st *Observation*. I make mention of this, preferably to many others, because the Carnosity or Excrecence was visible; it stopp'd intirely the Passage from the Root of the Nut, as far as a *Fistula*, that was situated in the middle of the *Urethra*, thro' which the Carnosity was seen very distinctly. I call to witness all those that saw it, and I ask them, Whether it was not a true *Fungus*, wholly different from Cicatrices? There is another Patient, whom I dress'd in the Presence of several Gentlemen of the Profession, who is the Subject of *Case 65*. and I ask them, If the Excrecence, which began at some Lines distance from the Entrance of the *Urethra*, that was several Inches long, and gave Issue to the Water but by a very small Opening; I ask, Whether this was only a Contraction of the *Urethra*? And whether its Diameter was not the same, from its Entrance to the Carnosity? I could bring, if there was occasion, an *Observation* of Mr. *Fitzgerald*, Professor of the University of Physic of *Montpellier*; who affirms having seen, in that Town, an Excrecence that budded out to such a Degree, that the Patient was forced now-and-then to cut off that Part which hung out of the *Urethra*. Let the Opposers of Carnosities explain how a mere Stricture of the *Urethra* could be attended with such a Phænomenon. This might, no doubt, be more easily accounted

counted for by that Symptom call'd the Puffing up of the *Corpus Spongiosum Urethrae*, which is said to be often mistaken for Carnosities: This is accounted for in this manner; the internal Membrane of the *Urethra* having been weaken'd, or rather corroded through, by a venereal Ulcer, it is not at all extraordinary that the *Corpus Spongiosum Urethrae*, being distended by some Cause or other, should jet out on that Side where it meets with no Resistance, and should, consequently, make its way into the *Urethra* by the Orifice made in it by the Erosion of the Ulcer. We have seen above, in the Passage I brought out of Mr. *De la Faye*'s Remarks on the Operations of *Dionis*, that the varicous Swelling of the *Corpus Spongiosum Urethrae*, brought on by Irregularities of any kind, is one of the Causes of the venereal Strangury.

One accounts very well, this way, for what is sometimes observ'd, that a leaden Probe, or any other, restores, very soon, the free Course of the Water, by compressing the *Corpus Spongiosum Urethrae* that was puffed up; as also, how this same Obstruction soon returns, after taking out the Probe; how the *Urethras* of Persons that had labour'd under Carnosities during their Lives, were found free from them after their Deaths: For the Rarefaction of the Humours, which lasts only with Life, kept the Cells of the spongy Bodies swell'd beyond the Level of the internal Membrane of the *Urethra*; this Force ceasing to act, the Cells had emptied themselves gradually, and recovered their usual Size.

This Theory is so conformable to my way of Thinking, and Observations, that I wholly admit of it. Instead of being an Objection to the Existence of Carnosities, it is rather a Proof of it: For what is, in reality, this puffing-up of the spongy Substance of the *Urethra*, which yields to Compression, and returns again when that is remov'd, but a real

Carnosity? which, smaller and softer in its Beginning, easily gives way to the Body which compresses it, but which, growing larger afterwards, and acquiring more Solidity, makes a greater Resistance, and, at last, totally obstructs the Passage of the Urine? The Ulceration of the internal Membrane of the *Urethra*, which before kept the spongy Substance within its Bounds, first gave rise to this Excrescence.

The Operation of my Remedy is conformable to this: The loose fungous Flesh is, by it, melted down and suppured, the sound remaining untouched. Let it not be imagin'd that I attribute an intelligent Power to it, if it acts on the diseas'd rather than on the sound Parts; it is because the first is of such a Nature, as to be affected by the active Particles of my Remedy; whereas the latter is guarded against their Action by the internal Membrane of the *Urethra*: Besides, these same active Particles stir up, and set in motion, the *Virus* which generally remains clogg'd up, and inactive, in those fungous Swellings. There is no wonder, then, that my Remedy should act upon them without having any effect on those which are in a sound State. This is prov'd, beyond contradiction, by an Experiment, which I will put in practice as often as desir'd: I will introduce one of my Sounds into the *Urethra* of a healthy Person, and will leave it there a sufficient time, for it to act on the glandulous Bodies of which it is compos'd; I will then remove it, and the keenest Sight shall not be able to perceive upon it the least drop of a foreign Moisture: I will then immediately pass the same Sound into a diseas'd *Urethra*, and, in less time than it had remain'd in the sound one, it will be charg'd with a purulent Matter, furnish'd by the diseas'd part of the *Urethra*. You may even spare yourself this double trouble; it is enough to take notice, that the Sound comes out charg'd with purulent Matter at those Places only which were in
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Contact with the Part or Parts affected. I conclude from hence, that, since my Sounds bring off, in Suppuration, these preternatural Substances, whatever they be, that obstruct or fill, in part, the *Urethra*; they are fungous Flesh, an *Hypersarcofis*, or, if you please, a Jetting-in, or Tumefaction of the spongy Substance of the *Urethra*, which has made its way into its cavity by the Opening caus'd in it by the Ulcer, which had partly destroy'd its internal Membrane.

I am not seeking to raise up Controversies; my Aim is to clear up this important matter, and to be useful to Mankind, that so often labour under the bad consequences of former Gonorrhœas. I then repeat it once more: The spongy Substance of the *Urethra* is the most frequent cause of the Excrescences which give way to my Remedies; and its particular Structure greatly conduces to the production of this Evil: But the Ulceration, which was the original Cause, is what maintains it. These Carnosities are very various. I will not engage in any Inquiry about their different Natures: It is sufficient, for my present purpose, that I have prov'd their real Existence, and that they yield to my Method of Cure.

Though it may seem useless to carry farther the Proofs of the Reality of Caruncles, I cannot pass over the Authority of a Surgeon of *Paris*, who had acquir'd a Reputation in the venereal Business. Mr. *Dubois*, in his *New Treatise on Venereal Disorders*, p. 22. expresses himself thus: " When a Gonorrhœa is produc'd by so sharp a *Virus*, it often happens, that the spongy Part of the *Urethra* is considerably injur'd, which being excessive tender, nervous, and of a quick Sensation, susceptible of the most pungent Irritations, and the sharpest Pains, occasions the worst Accidents; which often, after they have disappear'd, leave behind them some Complaints which give as much

“ Trouble to the Patient and Surgeon, as any other
 “ Symptom whatsoever of the *Lues*, I mean Car-
 “ nosities; in the Treatment of which many Sur-
 “ geons fail. These sorts of Excrescences, which
 “ are situated in the middle of the *Urethra*, cause
 “ inexpressible Pains to the unhappy Sufferers, and
 “ puzzle most Surgeons.”

I must take notice, before I end this article, that there are two sorts of Carnosities; one without any sensible Ulceration, the other manifestly ulcerated. *They are judg'd callous*, says *Ambrose Paré*, *when no superfluous Moisture flows from them*: Those which are ulcerated, are known by the Discharge that issues from them. Besides those which are met with among the following Cases, I will bring here the Example of one which is inserted in the Memorial I presented to Count *Garelli*.

In the Month of *April*, 1728. the Marquis *De Prié*, of *Turin*, sent for me to that City, to see one *Maurice Franquetti*, his Steward, who labour'd under a Strangury. The Sound I pass'd in met with no Obstruction before I came to the excretory Ducts of the *Vesiculæ Seminales* and Prostate Glands, where I found some fleshy Excrescences that were ulcerated, and which would not suffer me to advance farther without giving Pain. I took him in hand, and perfected his Cure by the end of the *May* following. Tho' he had been troubled with this Distemper ever since 1716. he enjoy'd a very good State of Health in 1730. when I presented Count *Garelli* with my Memorial; enabling him, at the same time, to inform himself of the truth of my Relation, by letting him know that *Franquetti* was then at *Vienna*.

*Ulcers of the Urethra.**The Fourth Cause.*

I now come to the Fourth Cause of the venereal Strangury, which I attribute to stubborn, virulent, callous Ulcers, situated on the excretory Ducts of the Prostate Glands, *Vesicule Seminales*, and of all the Glands that supply the *Urethra* with a *Mucus* to line its internal Membrane.

After the total disappearing of the bad Symptoms of a virulent Gonorrhœa, there often remains behind a stubborn Running, known in the World by the name of Gleet, or Relaxation of the Parts. "When," says Mr. *Astruc*, in his *Treatise on Venereal Disorders*, Book III. Chap. IV. p. 111. "a Person has had
 "several Gonorrhœas, and even sometimes but one
 "that has prov'd obstinate, he is often plagu'd for
 "several Months, Years, and sometimes his whole
 "Life, with an involuntary Discharge of *Semen*;
 "This Discharge is sometimes small, but constant,
 "whether walking, sitting, or doing any other
 "Function; in others it is not so constant, but in
 "greater quantity, and in larger drops, when they
 "strain, in the least, to go to Stool; when they give
 "way to any lascivious Thoughts, or attempt
 "Coition."

I have already taken notice, that this Discharge, in the vulgar Phrase, is term'd a Gleet, or Relaxation of the Parts; and those that are troubled with it are very easy about its Consequences; looking on it only as a present inconvenience.

I wish I were not oblig'd to disturb their security; but their Interest, and that of Truth, would be sufferers by my silence. I grant, then, as I have already done, that the excretory Ducts of the Glands of the *Urethra* are liable to a Relaxation, as all the

other Vessels of a human Body are ; but I will take upon me to prove, that the Discharge we are treating of, is almost always supply'd by an Ulcer, which has withstood all the Remedies which have overcome the other Symptoms of a Gonorrhœa ; and, what will perhaps appear strange, I will draw the first Proofs of my Opinion from the Works of those who have taken the other side of the question. These are the Words of Mr. *De la Mettrie*, in his *New Treatise on Venereal Disorders*, p. 165.

“ Sometimes the Matter of a Gonorrhœa becomes brown, resembling the dregs of Oil ; looks as if it were mix'd with Dust, and is not glutinous : It is then impossible to cure it, without leaving behind a small Running ; because, the *Urethra* being corroded by the sharpness of the Humours, there are Sinuses form'd, which prove painful the remainder of Life, and are only made worse by the use of Remedies.” P. 193. he styles this small Running “ an endless Running ;” and adds, that “ it proceeds from the widen'd Mouths of the Vessels now become paralytic, which cannot be restor'd to their natural Elasticity.”

The Author, in these Quotations, disagrees with himself. The *small endless Running* proceeds from *Sinuses* which the Poison has dug in the *Urethra* ; *Sinuses* which are attended with Pains that are only increas'd by the use of Remedies ; afterwards, all this is a *Paralysis* : But how should a paralytic state, which is next to that of Insensibility, be attended with Pain ? Why doth he complain of Remedies increasing the painful Sensation ? the Remedies which are good against this kind of Disorder acting only by their stimulating quality. Mr. *De la Mettrie*, in the first Quotation, speaks as a strict Observer of Nature ; but having, no doubt, suffer'd himself to be carried away by the vulgar notion, he

has express'd himself, in the second, in the vulgar phrase.

It is not to be wonder'd at that Mr. *De la Mettrie*, having forsaken this Opinion, adds afterwards;
 " But this Discharge is no more to be regarded than
 " if, after a long Catarrh, the pituitary Membrane
 " of *Schneider* separated more *Mucus* than before.
 " One may enter into the matrimonial State with
 " this Running, without any fear of defiling the nup-
 " tial Bed, if it is not attended with any Virulence."

Gonorrhœas, those, at least, that have any bad Symptoms, are produced by Ulcers; this is granted by all Authors in general: The sharpness of the Humours forms Sinuses, which occasion Pains for life; and the Discharge which is supply'd by these Sinuses has nothing virulent in it! Indeed this is above comprehension.

Mr. *Astruc* entertains a very different Opinion.
 " We have already taken notice," says he, Book III. Chap. IV. " that the virulent Matter of a Go-
 " norrhœa almost always produces Ulcers in some
 " part or other of the *Urethra*, and chiefly on the
 " extremities of the excretory Ducts of the *Vesiculæ*
 " *Seminales* and Prostate Glands. When a Gonor-
 " rhœa is neglected, or ill treated (which, according
 " to my Opinion, is almost always the case), these
 " Ulcers are rarely perfectly well healed, especially
 " those that are situated on the excretory Ducts of
 " the Glands, or are near them; because they are
 " continually supply'd with, and stimulated by, the
 " virulent Matter that distils from them: Thus
 " from slight and superficial, which they were at
 " first, they must necessarily, in time, become ill-
 " digested, fistulous, and beset with callous Bodies;
 " and lessen, by that means, more or less, the dia-
 " meter of the *Urethra*; obstruct, more or less, the
 " course of the Urine; as the heat or sharpness of
 " the Blood, stirr'd up, at the same time, by some
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“irregularity in Diet, occasions a greater or lesser
“Swelling to the edges of them.”

Here is certainly a very different Doctrine from that of Mr. *De la Mettrie*. Is there any necessity to ask Mr. *Astruc* if the Running, we are speaking of, is virulent? It is the consequence of those Ulcers that constituted the Gonorrhœa, which, having been ill treated, are now ill-digested, fistulous, and beset with callous Bodies; that is to say, of a much worse nature than they were of when the Gonorrhœa was recent: And, in these circumstances, how should the Matter, that comes from them, be mild and harmless? We ought, on the contrary, to judge it of a very malignant quality.

We must confess, nevertheless, that Mr. *Astruc* does not speak every-where in the same strain; for he says, in the Xth Chapter of the same Book, in speaking of the venereal Gonorrhœa; that “both
“that which is inflammatory, and caus’d by a recent
“taint, as that which is inveterate, and has degene-
“rated into a Gleet, withstands, for the most part,
“the most regular mercurial Frictions. It is true,
“that, instead of being virulent, as before the Fri-
“ctions, it is now a simple Running, free from Vi-
“rulence, and unable to communicate any In-
“fection.”

“We have seen,” says he, farther, “that a fresh-
“contracted virulent Gonorrhœa is inflammatory,
“or attended with ulcerous Inflammations, which,
“in Men, occupy the *Urethra*. The Inflammation
“and Ulceration may remain for some time in these
“parts, even after the Infection has been conquer’d
“by Mercury. After the Frictions, they are no
“longer maintain’d by the *Virus*, from which they
“are intirely free; they are then simple Gleets,
“which are owing to local disorders, and which
“time, and a suitable Regimen, are sometimes suf-
“ficient, alone, to subdue; but which may, never-
“theless,

“ theless, prove dangerous, if they last too long:
 “ And it is therefore more adviseable to have re-
 “ course to the use of Remedies.”

Mr. *Astruc*, in this, as in the foremention'd Quo-
 tation, acknowledges, that the Ulcers of a Gonor-
 rhœa subsist for a great number of Years: He con-
 tradicts himself in this only, that he believes the in-
 fection of them conquer'd by the mercurial Fri-
 ctions. I will not deny but that the venereal Taint
 may be absolutely carried off by the use of Mer-
 cury; and yet a local disorder, such as too great a
 loss of Substance, may keep up the Ulcer of the
Urethra: But, grounded on my own experience, I
 can venture to affirm, that this is rarely the case.
 However, it is sufficient, for my present purpose,
 that these Ulcers are acknowledged by this, and other
 Authors: I will soon prove, beyond contradiction,
 that they are not in the least alter'd in their nature.

This Subject is of too great a Consequence not to
 be carefully attended to: To the authorities already
 mention'd, I will add a third, which is still more ex-
 pressive. It is that of the late Mr. *Guisard*, who
 establish'd himself a great reputation at *Montpelier*
 in the treatment of venereal Disorders. He ex-
 presses himself thus in the second Edition of his
Practical Dissertation, p. 200. “ There are Gonor-
 “ rhœas that leave behind them very troublesome
 “ complaints; such as an almost incurable Discharge
 “ of seminal Fluids, Incontinencies of Urine, *Dys-*
 “ *urias*, and Carnosities, which last for life.”

The discharge of seminal Fluids, which this Au-
 thor speaks of, is not to be understood as a simple re-
 laxation of the excretory Ducts of the Glands: He
 explains himself very clearly about it p. 203.
 “ Those,” says he, “ that are attended with Carno-
 “ sities, are of the worst kind. A Discharge of
 “ purulent Matter which never dries up, a conti-
 “ nual Foulness, the Pain one endures in voiding
 “ one's

“ one’s Urine, and the troublesome necessity one
 “ lies under of always wearing a leaden Probe, are
 “ such afflicting circumstances, that it would be far
 “ better for the Patient to labour under a confirm’d
 “ *Lues*, which he would certainly get rid of, than
 “ under a Gonorrhœa of this kind, that sometimes
 “ proves too stubborn for all sorts of treatment.”

Mr. *Guisard*, by his clear manner of expressing himself, spares me the trouble of deducing, by consequences drawn from his Observations, and the Principles he has establish’d upon them, the Doctrine I am endeavouring to establish. *This almost incurable seminal Discharge*, is stil’d, in another place, *a purulent Discharge of Matter which never dries up*: Now can there be any other cause of a constant Discharge of purulent Matter, but a still-subsisting Ulcer?

I am able to confirm the Observations and Opinions left to Posterity by the best Practitioners, by others drawn from my own experience.

“ We judge,” says *Astruc*, Book III. Chap. IV.
 “ that there are some hidden Ulcers, by the *Pus*
 “ which is frequently discharg’d out of the *Urethra*.”
 If I, then, procure the Issue of *Pus* out of this Canal, we must necessarily conclude, that there is an Ulcer there. It is very easy, I don’t say to those I have under my care, but to any that will examine my Sounds when I take them out of the *Urethra*, to see that they are loaded with *Pus* in one or more places, according to the number of Ulcers that are in the Passage.

De la Faye speaks positively about them, in his Remarks. “ I have opened,” says he, “ several
 “ Persons, who had been treated according to this
 “ Method (by Caustics and sharp-edg’d Probes);
 “ and I found, in the spongy substance of the *Urethra*,
 “ Sinuses two Inches long, or thereabouts, whose
 “ direction was towards the *Prostata Superior*: I
 “ have

“ have observ’d, that these Sinuses yielded Matter ;
 “ that they were callous, exactly round, and large
 “ enough to admit of a medicated Sound ; and that
 “ their entrance was at the same place with the Ob-
 “ struction that had brought on the Suppression of
 “ Urine: Which proves, that these Sinuses were so
 “ many ways fram’d to themselves by Sounds of a
 “ caustic nature, or by sharp-edg’d Probes.” *De*
la Faye does not enter into the Nature of these Ul-
 cers, whether venereal, or not ; but his Observations
 evidently prove, that Ulcers may subsist for a long
 while in the *Urethra* : And I require nothing more ;
 having sufficiently prov’d before, that they retain the
 nature of the Cause that first produc’d them.

The Favourers of the Relaxation of the excretory
 Ducts of the *Vesiculæ Seminales* will not, perhaps,
 yield to these Proofs: They will, perhaps, object,
 that my Remedy, by stimulating the Coats of the
 Vessels it is in contact with, by melting down with its
 active Particles their thicken’d Juices, may restore
 their natural Spring, and stop a Discharge which was
 only owing to the relax’d state of their Fibres.

Before I set about answering this Objection, I must
 take some notice of the Effect of Bracers.

Experience does but too much shew us the In-
 efficacy of Bracers against those Disorders that are
 owing to Relaxation. But whence this Inefficacy ?
 From their not being immediately apply’d to the
 Seat of the Disorder ; being oblig’d to take the
 course of the Circulation before they can reach it.
 Now those Particles which are the original Causes of
 the Elasticity of the Fibres, are intirely out of the
 Circulation ; but were they part of the circulating
 Fluid, the Effect of Bracers, altered by the various
 Concoctions they have undergone, the small quan-
 tity of their Particles which will come into contact
 with the Part affected, are more than sufficient to ac-
 count for their usual want of Success.

But this is not the present Case; the whole nervous System is free: This is merely a local Disorder, to which we can immediately apply a Remedy; and if there are things powerful enough to contract the *Uretbra* itself in such a manner as to form Obstructions in it capable almost of resisting the force with which the Urine is impell'd, we can hardly doubt but that these same Remedies would be capable of restoring the Elasticity to some weaken'd Fibres: And therefore, as Astringents, immediately apply'd to the Part, have no Effect; I may reasonably conclude, that this paralytic state of the Fibres is purely imaginary; which we may also conclude from the infallible success of my Remedy, which would not be the Case, if this was the Disorder.

After these general Remarks, I answer, that I should be very much concern'd if my Remedy was as sharp in its Action as the Astringents which have been unsuccessfully administer'd against the Discharge we are speaking of: It would then be as mischievous as it is now serviceable.

I add, that we ought to throw by Conjectures, when Matters of Fact are at hand, and the Effects it constantly produces demonstrate that it is no Astringent; which would, on the contrary, if apply'd at the same time, destroy its Efficacy; for it acts by bringing on afresh the original Discharge of the Gonorrhœa; and the longer it is in causing the Suppuration of the Parts affected, the longer it is in effecting a perfect Cure: But, in this Case, we must not find fault with the Remedy; it is owing to the nature of the Obstructions on which it acts, as they are more or less dispos'd to receive the intestine motion whence results Suppuration. It so far assists the contractile Power of the Fibres, as, by dissolving and setting afloat the Juices which are harden'd and confin'd in the callous edges of Ulcers, it enables them to clear themselves from them; but it does not act by
strength-

strengthening and contracting them, as Bracers do, but by melting down the Juices imprison'd in the edges of Ulcers, or in the fungous and callous Excrescences of the *Urethra*, which, as I said before, arise upon the Ulcers, and form upon them a sort of Crust, which prevents the Discharge of purulent Matter. It is, nevertheless, upon the continuation of this Discharge that the Cure depends; and the Suppression of it produces those evils which force People to have recourse to me, and which no one, besides myself, is able to cure radically.

As the Action of my Remedy consists in bringing on a Suppuration, I have great reason to conclude, that the *Pus* proceeds from Ulcers that existed there before. For if my Remedy was a Caustic, which Quality would enable it to produce Ulcers, every Practitioner knows, that the Suppuration it would cause could never make so quick a Progress as that which is brought on by my Sounds; for the first Effect of a Caustic is, to produce an Eschar; and the Suppuration comes on only when the Eschar is fallen off, which is always the work of several Days, not of a few Hours; whereas in three or four hours, at most, often in less time, my Remedy causes all Obstructions on the *Urethra*, of whatever nature they be, to suppurate; which plainly proves that there is no caustic Ingredient in it, nothing capable of producing Ulcers. I am forced to insist on the Proofs of my Remedy not being a Caustic, the envy which my vast success has rais'd having prompted many to advance, That it was not surprising I should meet with Ulcers in the *Urethras* of the Persons I treated, when those Ulcers were form'd there by myself. Tho' a successful Practice sets me above these pitiful Objections, which Envy first rais'd, and Ignorance keeps up; and my best way of answering them is, to continue my Services to those who are in want of them; yet, as Honour is too nice a Point to be the least

least neglected, I will take the trouble of silencing them. Let the Reader but recollect what I advanced before, that I can leave one of my Sounds four Hours, or longer, in the *Urethra* of a sound Person, and it shall come out unsoil'd with *Pus*; and this same Sound will be loaded with *Pus*, when taken out of a distemper'd *Urethra*. I have given a reason for it: It is therefore plain, that my Sounds do not produce these Ulcers; for they would then have the same effect on a sound *Urethra*.

I desire the Reader to call to mind, besides, that I mention'd, that my Sounds came out charg'd with *Pus* at those Places only which answer'd to the distemper'd Parts of the *Urethra*. As, before the Introduction of them, I am ignorant where the Mischief lies; I am oblig'd to arm the whole length of the Sound with my Remedy: And if Ulcers are produced by it, why is not the Sound loaded with Matter its whole length? And why is a fresh Sound, introduced the next Day, charged with Matter only at the same Place as that of the Day before?

This is more than sufficient to prove, that my Sounds are not productive of Ulcers: But, to put the Matter still more out of doubt, I will prove, that it is impossible my Sounds should have this Effect: Caustic Remedies are the only ones capable, of forming Ulcers. If we, therefore, take it for granted, that my Sounds have this Effect, they must be of a caustic nature. I will grant, farther, that Caustics can immediately bring on a Suppuration, and not cause an Eschar: This is granting to my Adversaries more than they could expect; but, notwithstanding all this, it is demonstrable, that my Sounds are not a caustic Composition; for the Inside of the *Urethra* is so excessively sensible, that it is with the utmost uneasiness many Patients are brought to bear any foreign body in it. What would, then, be the Consequence, if we were to let a Caustic lie in it,

it, even one of the mildest Class? What Irritations would ensue from its Salts, which, while the Remedy can be call'd a Caustic, can never be blunted, or intirely sheath'd up? How could those, whose *Urethras* are the most sensible, ever be brought to bear my Sounds, which they nevertheless do with ease, if they were arm'd with the *Spicula* of a Caustic? For, if the Caustic was so far render'd milder, as to make but a slight Impression the first Day, it would be stronger the next; and its Effect would increase, in proportion to the number of its Applications. We must, then, conclude, that it is not only impossible that my Sounds should be loaded with any Caustic; but even that any caustic Ingredient should enter into their composition. But I shall have occasion, hereafter, to make farther mention of Caustics; let us, at present, examine the Objections of those who are for the Relaxation of the Parts.

I advanced, in the Preface of my first Edition, that *since a recent Gonorrhœa, if it grows the least bad, is attended with an Ulcer in the Urethra; I see no reason why the continuation of the Discharge should not be attributed to the continuation of the same Cause.* I am ask'd, in consequence of this, Why the Ulcers of the Inside of the *Urethra* do not yield to a course which overcomes all those that are met with on any other part of the Body?

My Answer is very short. Do but consult the Authors that have wrote on the Gonorrhœa, and you'll see, that, when it is complicated with a confirm'd *Lues*, a Salivation does not cure it, tho' the Ulcers of the other parts of the Body are wholly eradicated by it. This is also prov'd by several of the following Cases; where you will meet with People who have gone through three Salivations, without meeting with any relief to their Gonorrhœas. Can I warrant denying this Fact, because I am not able to account for it? The different Structure of the Parts,

the different Fluids on which the *Virus* acts, other unknown Causes, produce, in Nature, many other wonderful Phænomena; which are, nevertheless, true, tho' they contradict all the various Theories of Men.

But, to avoid all imputation that Self-interest prompts me to be of this Opinion, I will propose another Question to those who have ask'd me this; and I will stay for their Answer, before I set about giving a more mechanical one to theirs: What is the reason that a Salivation very seldom cures the tetters Eruptions of the venereal Distemper? For since the *Virus*, to which they ow'd their Origin, and which supported them, is carry'd off by a suitable treatment; there is no apparent Reason why they should not also yield to it. Is it not conformable to the usual course of Nature, that the Effect should cease when the Cause is remov'd? These tetters Eruptions are, nevertheless, cur'd, but not by the Assistance of antivenereal Remedies: Why should not, also, the Ulcers of the *Urethra* be of such a Nature, as to require to be deterg'd and cicatriz'd, by Remedies usually rang'd under another Class?

I shall, perhaps, be ask'd, farther, Whether it is usual for Ulcers, in any part of the Body whatsoever, to remain exactly in the same Condition, for ten, twenty, or thirty Years, without growing worse? It seems hard to conceive, will they say, that these sordid Ulcers should be situated in the *Urethra*, without lessening its Cavity; and causing, thereby, some alteration in the stream of Urine: This, nevertheless, doth not happen to those who labour under this pretended Ulcer. These Objections may be strengthen'd with the Authority of Mr. Astruc, whose Opinion I have already made use of in my favour; that *the Ulcer, from slight and superficial, must necessarily become virulent, callous, and fistulous: That, far from being deterg'd, it will every day grow fouler and*

and fouler; being continually expos'd to purulent seminal Fluids, and a very sharp Urine.

The most learned Men are every day hard put to it, when they are to account for physical Matters: I could extricate myself out of this difficulty, by saying, that, having prov'd the Fact, it is not incumbent upon me to give Reasons for it; but if I am not so lucky as to have hit upon them, I can, at least, shew a very wide difference betwixt the Ulcers objected, and those of the *Urethra* which are compar'd to them: For an Ulcer on any external part of the Body, far from meeting with relief from those things which come into contact with it, meets only with Fuel to maintain it; the Contact of the Air, the Friction from neighbouring Bodies, the continual Stay of the *Sanies*, cause the progress of it. The Ulcer of the *Urethra* is shelter'd from the Air, is not subject to the Friction of neighbouring Bodies; its *Sanies* is continually, or, at least, frequently, wash'd off by the Urine, now become of a milder nature: For, of all the concomitant Symptoms of the Gonorrhœa, there remains now only a Running; and the Ulcer itself, whence it proceeds, is in a better state; since its *Pus* is laudable, and without any heterogeneous mixture. These Ulcers are not, therefore, subject to the same Accidents as external ones: If there remain any sharp Particles in the *Sanies* that come from them, they are entangled in the mucilaginous Fluids that are continually furnish'd by an infinity of Ducts, which doth not happen in the other ulcerated Parts of the Body. And there is no doubt but that some of these sharp Particles are still subsisting, as those that labour under these pretended seminal Weaknesses, upon any excess, feel pain in those Parts where they existed, during the time of the Gonorrhœa.

But what will fully demonstrate, that these Ulcers are virulent, is, that when my Remedies have dis-

tangled the *Virus* which lies dormant in the Part diseas'd, the Discharge puts on its original Colour, becomes yellow or green, and the Patients communicate the Taint to those Women they are so barbarous as to be concern'd with in that Condition. I have met with married Men, who, forewarn'd by me of the dangers which they would expose their Wives to, if they should demand of them, at that time, the conjugal Duty; and who, nevertheless, not being able wholly to refrain, have sported with other Women, whom they have infected. Which evidently proves, that the *Virus* only remain'd inactive, but was not extinguish'd.

I shall, perhaps, be ask'd, How it happens that a Man, labouring under a venereal Ulcer, should not infect his Wife; and yet should communicate the Disease, during the use of my Remedies?

I answer, that these Ulcers are cover'd over with fungous Flesh, which prevents the Egress of those Fluids on which the *Virus* acts; and that the *Semen* only glides over the Covering of the Ulcer, without staying there long enough to participate of the *Virus*, or, at least, to be impregnated with a sufficient quantity of it to infect those Parts which it comes into contact with. Moreover, this pretended harmless Matter may occasion to Women some complaints of a different kind, which are never attributed to this cause. The *Fluor Albus* has never been more frequent than it is now: It is more so in the capital City, than in the Provinces; and it is seldom met with in the Country itself. May not this be owing to a venereal Taint, now grown weaker, which, transmitted from Parents to Children, alters the nature of the Fluids, or even, perhaps, the original texture of the Solids themselves? This is not a Thought wholly my own; I can strengthen it with the Authority of *Col de Vilars*. I'll transcribe here what he says, touching this Matter, in a Passage I have quoted above.

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“ But if this *Virus* is of a gross, sluggish, inactive Nature, and is lodg’d only in the Glands of the *Urethra*, whence it has not had time to disintangle and rouse itself; it fixes its Abode in these Glands, hardens them, and remains dormant there, sometimes, for a considerable number of Years, without occasioning any bad Symptom; till, heated and enliven’d by some external or internal cause, it begins to act, and produces particular complaints; which are seldom attributed to their real cause.” Vol. IV. p. 207.

Is it impossible, that a *Semen*, thus alter’d, being imparted to the Woman, should produce such an Alteration in her Fluids, as will bring on *some particular complaints that will seldom be attributed to their real cause*? Is it not rather more conformable to the usual Course of Nature, that these complaints should come on, sooner or later? We must not, then, with *Col de Vilars*, look upon a Discharge of seminal Fluid as harmless, because, for a considerable number of Years, it has been productive of no mischief.

Now it is easy to explain how my Patients communicate the Infection, while under the use of my Remedies: This happens by their rousing and stirring up the *Virus*, which was *gross, sluggish, and inactive, and laid dormant in the Glands of the Urethra*.

Let us put an end to this Article, which may, perhaps, already appear of too great a length, by an Observation which proves that Ulcers may, and really do, subsist, for a long while, in the *Urethra*. Those that have what is generally call’d a seminal Weakness, are excessive sensible to the Introduction of my Sounds, soft and pliable as they are, at the place which supplies the Discharge; which is a Proof that there is a Solution of Continuity in that place; and, consequently, an Ulcer. For a *Fungus* could not be so sensible, and hard Strictures from Scars, instead

of too much Sensibility, would rather be deficient the other way.

However, it signifies little, whether the Discharge proceeds from Ulcers, or is owing to any other cause; it is a troublesome and loathsome Distemper, the continuance of which nearly concerns those that labour under it, as it at last undermines Life itself. For, as *Astruc* takes notice, Vol. III. p. 199. "If the Discharge of the *Semen* is great, it will gradually exhaust the spirituous and balsamic part of the Blood, and will bring on Wastings, Consumptions, and the *Tabes dorsalis*; in the same manner as it happens to those who give themselves up to an immoderate use of Women." This Disease is look'd upon as incurable by all Practitioners; it yields, nevertheless, to the Efficacy of my Remedies. Those, therefore, that are afflicted with Gleets, ought to rejoice at my having found out a Method that secures them from all the evils they are threaten'd with by *Astruc*: And it is of small import to them to know the cause of their Illness, since, whatever it be, I am sure to get the better of it. It is, however, still a greater blessing to them, if it be venereal; since, besides the evils enumerated by *Astruc*, they are also expos'd to those which arise from venereal Ulcers. It is even possible, that those Wastings, Consumptions, and *Tabes dorsales*, may be owing as much to a Reflux of the venereal Matter into the Blood, as to the excessive waste of the seminal Fluid.

I am come, at last, to the Fifth Article.

The Swelling of the Verumontanum.

The Fifth Cause.

We have assign'd, for the fifth Cause of the venereal Strangury, the Swelling of the *Verumontanum*,
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which even, sometimes, becomes scirrhus. This sort of Complaint is taken notice of by *Col de Vilars*, in these Words, in his *Chirurgical Lectures*, Vol. IV. p. 219. “ It may also happen, in inveterate Gonorrhœas attended with Ulcers, or in those which are renew’d afresh, or rashly stopp’d by styptic Injections, that the *Verumontanum* is excoriated, tumefy’d, render’d hard and scirrhus, and proves an Obstruction to the course of the Urine.”

It is easy to account for it, how this Eminence is expos’d to all these Disorders. It is situated in the Bottom of the *Urethra*, in that part which is, as it were, buried in the *Prostata*; it has generally two small Openings in its hind-part, sometimes one only, and very rarely three; which are the Orifices of the excretory Ducts of the *Vesiculæ Seminales*: It is behind, and on its sides, surrounded by four, five, or six Openings, in the shape of Crescents, which are the Mouths of the excretory Ducts of the Prostate Glands. It is past all doubt but that these Ducts are very often the Seat of virulent Gonorrhœas; and being, consequently, ulcerated, continue corrupting the Fluids that pass thro’ them.

(a) The *Verumontanum* is, consequently, soak’d with virulent Matter, both outwardly and inwardly: It is, then, not at all strange, that it should be liable to all the Disorders we have mention’d. *Astruc*, also, Book III. Chap. IV. p. 214. ranks, among one of the six Causes of the habitual Strangury discover’d by the opening of those who had died of that Disorder, *the Verumontanum considerably swell’d, so*

(a) It very seldom happens, that the Body itself of the *Vesiculæ Seminales*, or *Prostata*, is infected and ulcerated; and, when it is really the Case, I look upon that complaint as incurable: And if I have advanced, in some of the Cases of the First Edition, or in this, that the Seat of the Disorder was in the *Vesiculæ Seminales*, or Prostate Glands; I would always be understood to mean the excretory Ducts of those Glands.

as to form, in the Urethra, a *præternatural Tumor*. And again, p. 218. “ It cannot be denied but that
 “ the *Verumontanum* is often corroded, tumefy’d,
 “ and inflam’d, in stubborn Gonorrhœas; and that,
 “ if the Inflammation is neglected, and the Ulcers
 “ ill deterg’d, as is always the case when Gonor-
 “ rhœas are suppress’d by astringent Injections; it
 “ often degenerates into a Wart, or fungous, callous,
 “ scirrhus Excrescence, whose superficies is ulcer-
 “ ated, and which swells, more or less, from va-
 “ rious Causes, and is a continual, tho’ variable, im-
 “ pediment to the Urine.” We shall explain, in
 another Place, what are these various Causes; let us
 now come to the Sixth Article.

*The Prostatæ, or Vesiculæ Seminales, become
 scirrhus.*

The Sixth Cause.

We have advanced, that there is a difficulty of making Water, whenever the *Prostatæ*, or *Vesiculæ Seminales*, labour under any callous or scirrhus Induration; and this stands in need of no proof: They are too closely connected to the Neck of the Bladder, and Beginning of the *Urethra*, to acquire a *præternatural* size, without affecting these Parts. We have, then, only to prove the fact.

“ By the number and duration of Gonorrhœas,
 “ the *Prostatæ*, and *Cowper’s* Glands, may be at-
 “ tack’d with fistulous Ulcers, become callous, scir-
 “ rhous, fungous, increase in their size, and press
 “ upon the *Urethra*, which is adjoining to them.”
 This opinion of *Col de Vilars*, *loco citato*, is farther
 explain’d by Mr. *Astruc*, in the following Quotation:
 “ In all kinds of Gonorrhœas, the *Prostatæ*, or *Ve-*
 “ *siculæ Seminales*, or both, at the same time, are
 “ inflam’d, or ulcerated. If they have already been
 “ affected

“ affected by former Gonorrhœas, or wrong Re-
 “ medies are administer’d, the Disease will get
 “ ground, and produce callous and fistulous Ulcers
 “ in those Parts, which will increase their size, and
 “ occasion a Pressure upon the *Urethra*; whence
 “ will arise greater or smaller Obstructions to the
 “ Urine.”

I will strengthen this opinion, by some Cases taken out of the Memorial I presented to Mr. *De Garelli*.

David Porfol died, at *Leopolstat*, of an Ischury, and was open’d, in my Presence, the 15th of *January*, 1730. by Mr. *Almocre*, a very skilful Lithotomist of *Vienna*. I made him take notice, by blowing into the excretory Ducts of the *Vesiculæ Seminales*, that they were very hard and callous; which surpris’d him greatly, not looking upon this before as one of the Causes of the Ischury.

And why should not Callosities be form’d in the *Vesiculæ Seminales*, since they are frequently ulcerated? I have given so strong an example of it in the foremention’d Memorial, that I cannot omit repeating it here.

The 4th of *January*, 1726. the Count of Brother to the President of the great Council of *Vienna*, did me the honour of consulting me about a Gonorrhœa, which had lasted him a Year, in spite of all Remedies. It is true, that he did not take a great deal of care of himself; and that, three Years before, he had such another Catastrophe, which had lasted him six Months; at which time there still remain’d some small moisture: Ever since, the stream of Urine was less, and it now-and-then came out fork’d. Having examin’d him, I found a fistulous Ulcer at the *Vesiculæ Seminales*, which, I assur’d him, would yield to no other Method of Cure but mine; which he was easily brought to believe, having sufficiently experienced the Inefficacy of other Remedies, tho’ under the direction of such Persons as had acquir’d themselves

themselves great reputation in venereal Affairs. He put himself under my care, and was perfectly well in a Month's time. I can call upon President P.... for the truth of this Relation.

The first of the two following Observations proves, that the *Prostatæ* become callous as well as the *Vesiculæ Seminales* : The second, that they become fistulous.

Baron G——, Lieutenant-General of Foot of the Regiment of *Philippi*, was suddenly seized with a Suppression of Urine. He sent for me, and told me, that for a Year before he had taken notice, that the Stream of his Urine lessened, but that he had neither Pain nor Running; and that his present Illness had been occasioned by a Drinking-bout he had been guilty of two Days before. I searched him the 15th of *June* 1729. and found the *Uretbra* free till I came to the Prostate Glands, where I met with callous Cicatrices, that were swelled to such a Degree, that they hindered the Urine from passing off. I undertook his Cure, which was perfected in a little while. This fact is very well known by General *Ladriani*, whom *Garelli* recommended to me, after having acquainted him with my Method of Cure in venereal Stranguries.

The 12th of *January* 1730. Mr. *Colli*, First Physician to the Hospital for the *Spanish* Negroes at *Vienna*, being thoroughly convinced of the Goodness of my Method, by a great Number of Cures which he had been Witness of himself, carried me along with him to Mr. M——, Counsellor to his Imperial Majesty, living in the *Carlostros*. He was in Bed, and excessively weakened by the Pains of a most cruel Strangury, which he had laboured under for several Days. He told me briefly, that he had had several Gonorrhœas, had been quite free from any Running for two Years past, but had been subject to such terrible Difficulties of making Water,

Water, that it came only Drop by Drop, and after the most violent Strainings; and that upon the least Irregularity he had a total Suppression. Having searched him, I found a scirrhus Excrecence at the excretory Ducts of the *Prostatae*, without any Ulceration, or any other Fault in the rest of the *Urethra*. I proposed to him the Use of my Remedies, which he acquiesced to by the Advice of Mr. Colli, and had no room to repent of it; but he was two Months before he recovered a perfect State of Health, which he enjoyed at the time I wrote this Pamphlet, as he and Mr. Colli can testify. We will say nothing further on this Article, which I believe is not contested by any body; neither shall we dwell long upon the next.

Fungous Excrescences of the Prostatae and Vesicula Seminales.

The Seventh Cause.

We have assigned as the Seventh Cause of the venereal Strangury, the *Prostatae*, or *Vesiculæ Seminales*, become fungous, spongy, and subject to swell on the least Occasion. We have already seen in the Words we have just quoted out of *Col de Vilars*, that he admits of *Cowper's* Glands and the *Prostatae* becoming fungous. *Astruc* is also of the same Opinion, which he expresses in this manner:
 “ If, on the contrary, it happens, that the *Vesiculæ*
 “ *Seminales*, or *Prostatae*, be deeply corroded by
 “ the Pus, and not properly deterged, the Cavities
 “ formed in them by these Ulcers will soon be
 “ filled with fungous or mushroom-like Substances,
 “ which will be of a soft, lax, spongy Texture,
 “ as happens in other fordid and callous Ulcers.
 “ Thus the *Prostatae* and *Vesiculæ Seminales*, being
 “ enlarged,

“ enlarged, press upon the *Urethra*, which is near
 “ them, in a greater or lesser degree, as the fun-
 “ gous Excrescences they are filled with, are more
 “ or less swelled and dilated.”

De la Faye, loco citato, admits as a Cause of the Difficulty there is in introducing the Catheter in venereal Ischuries, *the Swelling or Inflammation of the Prostate Gland*, which lessens the Cavity of the Neck of the Bladder. He gives also the diagnostic Sign of this Complaint. *We then*, says he, *meet with a very considerable Resistance at the Neck of the Bladder, because it also participates of the Inflammation. In these Cases the Instrument must be as small as possible, that it may more easily make its Way.* We have then firmly established the Seventh Cause of the venereal Strangury.

Particular Concretions.

The Eighth Cause.

The Eighth Cause is by me attributed to some particular Concretion being formed in the *Urethra*, which lessens its Diameter ; which I have been induced to subjoin to those that are admitted of by *Astruc*, by meeting with a Stony Concretion in a venereal Ulcer that was situated near the *Fossa Navicularis*, which you will meet with in Case the Twenty-second, in the Third Part of this Collection.

The Consequences of ill-treated Gonorrhœas.

As long as a person is troubled only with a trifling Difficulty in making Water, he neglects having recourse to any Surgeon, not being aware of the Danger he is threatened with ; and, as several of my Observations prove, they are sometimes made sensible of it by being suddenly seized with an
 Ischury,

Ischury, or total Suppression, which foretels they will soon be subject to an habitual Strangury : And it is easy to conceive how People remain so ignorant of their own Condition ; for while their Water comes away without Pain, the Stream of it must be sensibly diminished before they will take notice of it ; and they either know not, or inquire not into the Reason, why they are longer in emptying their Bladder than usual ; and, as Men are naturally given to flatter themselves, they fancy this happens because it is fuller than usual, or is owing to some other Cause above their reach. Nevertheless, if in this Condition the Blood, from any Cause, chance to rush with more than ordinary Force towards the diseased Parts, or they are irritated by too sharp an Urine (which Symptom any Excess whatsoever will occasion), the Obstructions that are in the *Urethra*, swelling on a sudden, will totally interrupt the Urine, and bring on an Ischury, which is usually less violent than those that happen during the Course of an habitual Strangury, because the Obstructions, not having yet acquired a very considerable Size, easily recover their natural State. However, it does not so commonly happen, that an habitual Strangury is ushered in by a total Suppression. The following is its most frequent Beginning and Progress.

“ One is troubled,” says *Col de Vilars, loco citato*,
 “ with a frequent Inclination to make Water ; and
 “ the Urine comes out as a Thread, some-
 “ times forked, or Drop by Drop, and with vio-
 “ lent Straining. If in this condition the Patient
 “ heats himself, or commits any Irregularity, the
 “ Strangury will easily degenerate into an Ischury,
 “ or total Suppression.”

Astruc, Book III. Chap. IV. p. 211. gives a more extensive Description : “ When a Person,
 “ says he, has had several stubborn Gonorrhœas,
 “ or

“ or has been ill-treated, he is for the most part
 “ subject afterwards to an habitual Strangury, in
 “ which the Urine is discharged, not in a full, even,
 “ continued Stream, but like a slender Thread,
 “ frequently interrupted and divided : It is not
 “ thrown to a great Distance, but comes dribbling
 “ down, and with violent Strainings ; it cannot be
 “ retained long in the Bladder without great Un-
 “ easiness, but is continually stimulating, and so-
 “ liciting a Discharge.

“ These Disorders are, however, tolerable, while
 “ they keep within Bounds ; but if they are aggra-
 “ vated by Wine, Venery, Exercise, Riding,
 “ Watching, Errors in Diet, vehement Passions
 “ of the Mind, the *Perinæum* grows hot, painful,
 “ and tense, and the Strangury is changed into an
 “ Ischury, or total Suppression of Urine.”

Those that are under these Circumstances, can-
 not but be alarmed before the Strangury is come to
 the height ; they can no longer be in doubt of
 their impending Fate, when the Stream of Urine is
 considerably lessened, and lessens every Day. People
 rarely omit then seeking after the means to pre-
 vent, by proper Remedies, an Evil that brings along
 with it such a Series of Pains, which Death only
 ends, which is often hastened by them. I will
 soon shew how insignificant were the Remedies
 which were used before me ; and what I advance
 shall be confirmed by Experience.

Order requires, that before we set about curing
 any Illness, we should be apprised of the Cause of
 it ; and if a radical Cure depends on this, what
 Hopes can the poor Sufferers conceive ? Let us
 but listen to *Astruc*, p. 227.

*The Diagnostic of the venereal Disorders of
the Urethra.*

“ As to the conjunct Causes, says he, which
 “ produce this Disorder, that is, as to the Nature
 “ and Quality of the Obstacles which beset the
 “ *Urethra*; as these things are too much in the dark,
 “ we must rest satisfied with mere Conjectures.
 “ Therefore, if immediately after voiding the Urine,
 “ any purulent or sanious Matter should follow, it
 “ will be reasonable to conjecture, that the Obstacles
 “ are in a State of Suppuration; and therefore are
 “ either suppurated Caruncles, or callous Ulcers in
 “ the *Urethra*, or Abscesses and Fistulæ in the
 “ callous Fungus, suppurated Prostates, or Se-
 “ minary Vesicles. On the other hand, if there
 “ is no Discharge, or only a small Quantity of
 “ Mucus, we may collect from thence, that the
 “ Obstacles are not of the suppurated kind, and
 “ therefore are either hard Cicatrices, or callous
 “ Caruncles, or the *Verumontanum* indurated, or
 “ scirrhus Prostates. If Pus should be discharged
 “ plentifully, and in large Drops, and stain the
 “ Linen with broad Spots, it is probable it does
 “ not proceed from slight superficial Ulcers in the
 “ *Urethra*, nor from ulcerated Caruncles, which
 “ cannot supply Pus in such a large Quantity; but
 “ from the Prostates themselves, or the Seminary
 “ Vesicles ulcerated, suppurated, and become fistu-
 “ lous; which will evidently appear, if that Part of
 “ the *Perinæum* where the Prostates and Seminary
 “ Vesicles are situated, is enlarged, or at least is
 “ sensible of an obscure deep Pain upon Pressure.
 “ Lastly, searching cautiously with a Catheter,
 “ tho’ it will not demonstrate the Nature and
 “ Quality of the Obstacle, will nevertheless give
 “ us some Light into it, from the Quality of the
 “ Humour that adheres to the Extremity of the Ca-
 “ theter,

“ theter, after it is drawn out ; and we shall inform
 “ ourselves of their Number and Situation, of the
 “ Form and Size of each of them, and the Distance
 “ between them, as also of the Degree of Obstru-
 “ ction which they cause ; which will not only serve
 “ us to make a better Prognostic, but will greatly
 “ direct us in the Intention of Cure.”

The Insufficiency of the usual Diagnostics.

The Diagnostics of the venereal Disorders of the *Urethra* cannot be laid down in a better manner by any one who is furnished with no other Knowledge than the usual Practice supplies him with : But what faint Hopes, when so eminent a Practitioner as *Astruc* says, *That these things are of so obscure a Nature, that we must rest satisfied with simple Conjectures touching them !* When he adds, *That by searching with the utmost Caution, we can but just make out, or rather guess at, the Nature or Quality of the Obstruction which intercepts the Urine !* We must, then, always go by Guesswork. It is then Chance that directs the Treatment. What a mighty Dependence to encounter a Distemper which threatens Life, either by exhausting the Blood of its balsamic Particles, or by occasioning Symptoms which may prove fatal in a few hours, and which never fail causing the most extreme torments, whose violence increases daily ! A shocking prospect to the Diseased ! The more Caution there is used in Searching (which I am, however, very far from disapproving, and I will even prove the Necessity of it by undeniable Reasons), the less will be learnt by it in some particular Cases. For example : If the greatest Obstruction which stops the Catheter, and which no Force is used to overcome, is situated near the Entrance of the *Urethra*, what Information will be gathered from it touching those that are beyond

yond it, as is often the Case? We may farther add, that had the Disorders of the *Urethra* been thoroughly known before me, yet the proper Remedies to conquer them were intirely unknown. I might very well forbear proving this; the bare looking over the various Treatises that have been wrote on the Gonorrhœa, or, to shorten the Work, that of my own Cases, are sufficient; you will see there all sorts of Methods used, but all in vain, or with a temporary Benefit only: But the Good of the Public demands of me a Description of the different Methods used before me. I ought, however, before I undertake this, to gather out of the most eminent Authors, and my own Observations, all the Symptoms of the Ischury, which is the Consequence of the Strangury.

A Description of the Venereal Ischury.

“ If in this Situation,” says *Col de Vilars, loco citato*, “ a Person heats himself, is guilty of any Debauch or Irregularity in his way of living, the Strangury is apt to degenerate into an Ischury, or total Suppression of Urine, and to be attended with very bad Symptoms, such as a Fever, Lethargy, an urinous Vomiting, an Inflammation of the Bladder, and other Symptoms, occasioned by too great a Fulness and Distention of this Viscus, and by the Reflux of the Urine into the Habit of Body.”

“ These Complaints (of the Strangury) are bearable while they remain within bounds,” says *Astruc*, p. 212. Vol. III. “ But if they are aggravated by Wine, Venery, Exercise, Riding, Watching, heating Food, vehement Passions of the Mind, the *Perinæum* grows hot, painful, and tense; and the Strangury is changed into an Ischury, or Suppression of Urine; there is a

“ continual Desire of making Water ; but, after the
 “ most violent Straining, nothing comes forth, or
 “ only a small quantity of mucous, pituitary, pu-
 “ rulent Matter; whence a Fever is rais’d. The
 “ Bladder, being overcharg’d, swells, grows painful
 “ and tense, and is threaten’d with Inflammation;
 “ Vomiting succeeds that has an urinous Smell; in a
 “ word, all the Symptoms come on which usually
 “ attend an Ischury. The Disorder maintains the
 “ same Vehemency for a longer or shorter space of
 “ time, in proportion to the energy of the Causes by
 “ which it was brought on, the Habit of Body of
 “ the Patient, the Disorders of the *Urethra*, and its
 “ neighbouring Parts, and the Success of the Re-
 “ medies which are apply’d; till, by degrees, the
 “ Fit remitting, the Urine is discharg’d again; at
 “ first, in a few small Drops; then in larger Drops,
 “ and faster; at last, in a slender, but continu’d
 “ Thread. When the violent Tension of the Parts
 “ is over, there usually keeps coming down, for a
 “ Day or two, a mucous, pituitary, purulent, fa-
 “ nious Matter.”

Astruc expresses himself much in the same manner,
 p. 224. He only adds these remarkable Words:
 “ There will then come out, with the Urine, a mu-
 “ cous pituitary Matter, if the Disorder is owing to
 “ an Inflammation only; and some Drops of Mat-
 “ ter, or *Sanies*, if there is a Suppuration and Ul-
 “ ceration.

“ The Suppression which succeeds the Strangury,
 “ if it is violent, and continues any time, is very
 “ dangerous; as the flowing back of the Urine into
 “ the Habit of the Body, its being deposited in va-
 “ rious parts of the Body, the Inflammation and
 “ Gangrene of the Bladder, must put the Pa-
 “ tient in immediate danger of Life, unless, by Na-
 “ ture or Art, a Passage is quickly restor’d to the
 “ Urine.”

"Urine." P. 230. And this Symptom often occasions Death, as Experience too often shews.

The Description of the Ischury given by *De la Faye*, *loco citato*, is not less dreadful. "The Urine," says he, "being detain'd in the Bladder by any cause, soon produces the worst of Symptoms: A large painful Tumor appears above the *Os Pubis*; a round one is also felt by introducing the Finger into the *Anus*; the Distention of the Bladder, and its Pressure upon the neighbouring Parts, soon bring on a violent Inflammation; great Pains are felt in the Hypogastric region, with a constant inclination to make Water; the Patient is highly disturb'd and restless, and all his straining is fruitless: He is soon taken with a difficulty of Breathing, Sicknefs, and Fever; his Eyes and Face become of a fiery Colour; and, if he is not speedily reliev'd, a Gangrene, or a Collection of Matter and Urine, will sometimes, in a short space of time, fall upon the *Perinæum*. Sometimes the Inflammation of the *Perinæum* will terminate in a general Suppuration, or Mortification of the Parts; and in both cases, the Urine having made its way thro' the Neck of the Bladder, or Beginning of the *Urethra*, mixes itself with the Matter. All these Symptoms are also attended with the Mortification of the neighbouring Parts of the Bladder."

I should with pleasure have brought here these different descriptions of the Ischury, merely to shew how the same Object, seen in a different Light, will offer a different Prospect. *Astruc's* description is full, as to those Symptoms that concern the Physician; and *De la Faye's*, as to those that fall under the Surgeon's Care.

These are the Symptoms which the Person, who is the subject of the first Case in my first Edition, labour'd under. "The difficulty of making Water often degenerated into a Fit of Ischury, or total

“ Suppression; a Fever us’d then to come on; the
 “ Belly was hard; he was very restless; the Urine
 “ flowing back into the Blood, either fell on some
 “ particular Part, or infected the whole Habit of
 “ Body; Sickness, Vomitings, Faintings, a Le-
 “ thargy, *Delirium*, and a thousand other dreadful
 “ Evils, always put him in a most imminent danger
 “ of Life: And he never could have borne up under
 “ such frequent Attacks, if the strength of his Con-
 “ stitution, and the vigour of Youth, had not sup-
 “ ply’d the Inefficacy of the Remedies that were
 “ administer’d.”

No great knowlege of the Animal Oeconomy is requir’d, to see that a Suppression of Urine, occasion’d by the Obstruction of the *Urethra*, must be often attended with worse Symptoms than that which is owing to a disorder of the Bladder and Kidneys; for in this, oftentimes, the whole mischief arises only from the Reflux of the Urine into the Habit of Body, or from the communication of the Nerves of the Ureters and Kidneys with those of other Parts; whereas, in the other, the Bladder, which is a membranous Body, endu’d with exquisite Sense, must necessarily be distended, and undergo a vast Irritation, which the Ureters and Kidneys are, at the same time, partakers of. There are, consequently, more bad Symptoms attending the Disorder I am treating of, than that which is owing to an Inflammation of the Kidneys and Ureters; whence I conclude, that my Remedy is more valuable than one that would allay or cure the disorders proper to the Ureters and Kidneys.

The means which have been employ’d for the ease or cure of the Difficulty of Urine arising from the obstructed *Urethra*, may be rank’d under two Classes: The first takes in those that were us’d against the Ischury, which were merely palliative; the second, those that were adapted to the venereal

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Strangury; and of these, again, some aim'd at the cure, others were palliative only. We will first examine the method of cure follow'd for the Ischury.

The Cure of the Ischury.

“ If this Disorder is attended with Inflammation,”
 says *Col de Vilars*, p. 219. “ you must bleed immediately and largely; apply soft, emollient, cooling
 “ Cataplasms, to the *Perinæum*; prescribe Emulsions of the cold Seeds, of those of white Poppies
 “ and Henbane, with the Syrup of *Nymphaea*;
 “ Decoctions of Marshmallows, Nenuphar, with
 “ Linseed and Liquorice; which must be drank
 “ with moderation, for fear of increasing the quantity of the Urine; and recommend a very low
 “ Diet. If, notwithstanding these precautions, the
 “ Ischury comes on, and the Bladder is greatly distended, threaten'd with losing its Tone, Inflammation, and Gangrene; if urinous Vomitings, a
 “ Lethargy, or other bad Symptoms, come on, you
 “ must pass the Catheter into the Bladder without
 “ any delay, having first injected some Oil of Almonds into the *Urethra*, to lubricate it. It is often
 “ with a great deal of difficulty that you can get the
 “ Catheter thro' so narrow a passage; it must, therefore, be done lightly, with dexterity and patience,
 “ for fear of wounding the *Urethra*: There is less
 “ danger in passing the instrument (which must then
 “ have but one bending) with the concave side of it
 “ towards the Abdomen of the Patient. You must
 “ not mind a few drops of Blood coming away,
 “ provided you do not use too much force, nor give
 “ too much pain. If you get the Catheter into the
 “ Bladder, and empty the Urine, all the Symptoms
 “ will soon disappear. The Catheter which you use,
 “ in these cases, must be open at each end, without
 “ any slits on the sides at the extremity; lest any
 “ loose fungous Flesh should be met with, and get

“ into them : You must leave the Instrument in the
 “ Bladder till the bad Symptoms are intirely gone,
 “ and the Urine comes away freely of itself.

“ If you find it impracticable to get into the
 “ Bladder, and that the Patient be in imminent
 “ danger of life, you must introduce a Staff with
 “ a Groove as far as you can, into the *Urethra*, and
 “ make an incision in the *Urethra* upon the extre-
 “ mity of the Groove, and thro’ it introduce a Fe-
 “ male Catheter into the Bladder; but if all these
 “ means fail, you must come to the puncture of the
 “ *Perinæum*; for it is better to try a doubtful Re-
 “ medy, than to give up a Patient to certain death.
 “ After the Operation, you must leave a short Ca-
 “ theter, or *Cannula*, in the Bladder, till the In-
 “ flammation, and other Symptoms, are gone; you
 “ must afterwards deterge, incarn, and cicatrize the
 “ Wound, as usual; and, at last, purge, with a So-
 “ lution of Cassia and Manna, in Whey.”

This quotation gives occasion to several remarks. It is evident, as I have already taken notice, that all the assistance pointed at here is merely palliative; they, consequently, do not secure against a fresh attack of the Ischury; and, indeed, you will see, in my cases, instances of people being seiz’d with it twice in twenty-four Hours; they, consequently, do not secure the Patient’s life. How much preferable, then, were my Method to these, tho’ it were merely palliative! since it brings about, in a short time, without pain and trouble, what a long train of Operations is hardly able to effect; occasioning, at the same time, to the Patient, almost as much Pain as the Distemper itself? But let us keep to the examination of the forecited passage.

All the Remedies, both internal and external, which are advis’d, consist of Emollients, which can only succeed when the Obstructions are not swell’d to too great a degree: But what idea must we have of
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that Decoction which can produce any Effect but according to the quantity of it that is drunk, and which, however, is order'd to be taken but sparingly, for fear of increasing the quantity of the Urine? What a pitiful assistance is a Remedy which increases the Disorder unless its Operation is sudden, and the nature of which is, however, not to act in that manner! But let us go on.

If the Symptoms of the Suppression are very urging, we must have recourse to a Staff with a Groove, having first injected some Oil of Almonds into the passage.

But how far will this Injection reach, if the Swelling of the Parts is such, as to prevent the Urine from coming out? Is the impelling Force of the Embolus capable of surmounting those Obstacles which resist to the joint Force of all the Muscles of the Abdomen? If the Injection could reach the Neck of the Bladder, why should not the Urine, which may very well be look'd on as an Injection from within, make its way out? We are, then, forced to conclude, that the Injection does not penetrate; and that, consequently, the Passage is not lubricated.

Now if such a Fluid as Oil, or Urine, can't make its way through; how will such a large body as a Catheter be able to do it; especially when it must be pass'd lightly, with dexterity and patience, for fear of wounding the *Urethra*? Which Precautions can't be dispens'd with, and yet are too often neglected. Several of my Patients, and he, especially, who is the Subject of *Case 8. Part III.* have not only lost several drops of Blood, which might be attributed to the Laceration of some Carnosity; in which case, as *Col de Vilars* remarks, there is no great harm done, tho' still there is some; but they have lost a great quantity of Blood, the Catheter having dug itself a new road, which, besides the increase of pain, causes fresh Obstructions: For the Blood, being a viscid

Fluid, and dispos'd to coagulate, the *Urethra* is fill'd with Clods of Blood of a tenacious nature, which adhere to the Sides of it, and cannot be easily extracted; and the time which this takes up retards the Cure, and gives fresh Pains, which are so many Advances made towards a mortal Inflammation; or, to speak more properly, towards Death itself. It took me up six hours to clear away the passage of the Patient just mention'd. What Progress is made, mean while, by a Distemper of this nature! what excruciating Pains doth a Patient undergo! Happy is he who falls into the hands of a Surgeon who, instead of irritating the Parts, by endeavouring to force the Obstruction, has always in view this Maxim, which is founded on the greatest Prudence; *That you must slide in the Catheter lightly with dexterity and patience*: That you must *slide in*; let the Force of this Word be well weigh'd; which is still further qualify'd by the addition of the Words *lightly with dexterity and patience*. You must *slide it in*, without ever being so rash as to use any Force; which can only increase the Pain, which the bare Introduction of the Catheter is already but too apt to occasion; add new Fuel to the Inflammation, which we want to allay; and cause Lacerations, which may afterwards become the Causes of a fresh Ischury, by leaving Scars behind them which may prove fresh Obstructions to the Urine.

But what Occasion (shall I, perhaps, be ask'd) is there to dwell so long on the Introduction of the Sound; since you set up for the Inventor of a Remedy which renders it useless?

It is true, that my Remedy has this Advantage; this I can boldly assert, and numbers of my Cases sufficiently prove it (a): But as it is not in the hands of

(a) *Vid.* Cases 11. 67. and 77. This, however, must be only understood of fungous Excrecences, which my Sounds overcome
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of every-body, it is necessary, that the best means of supplying the want of it, for a time, should be known; that those, who are in need of it, may be enabled to apply to me, or to those whom I have intrusted with it, after having sufficiently taught them the proper manner of employing it; for want of which, it might be productive of much mischief. The same Objection may be made, as to my looking into the other Helps which the usual Practice makes use of in the Cure of these Disorders; and the Answer which I have here given will serve for all. I enter again upon my Analysis.

“ If you are able,” adds *Col de Vilars*, “ to pass the Catheter, it must be one with a Groove; and you must get it in as far as you can, cut upon the Extremity of the Groove, and pass a Female Catheter into the Bladder by the Incision.”

I confess ingenuously, that I don't well conceive what Advantage can be reap'd from such an Operation: For if the common Catheter doth not overcome the Obstruction, the Staff with a Groove will have no better Effect; it will then remain on this side of it. How, then, in this Case, can a Female Catheter be pass'd into the Bladder? Besides, it happens, every day, that there are several Obstructions in the *Urethra*; so that, tho' we should suppose the first to be overcome, the Female Catheter would be stopp'd by those that were beyond it; which would render the Operation wholly useless, and is sufficient to reject the practice of it. But a still stronger reason is, the danger of its Consequences; I mean the Cicatrice which the Wound must leave behind after it is heal'd; which may, one day, become a fresh Impediment to the Urine, by lessening the diameter of

immediately; for when callous Cicatrices are in the way, I am first oblig'd to soften them, which my way of treating them brings about in a short time; and then my Sounds act upon them as if they were fungous Excrecences.

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the *Urethra*. I look upon this Operation as adviseable only in one Circumstance; that is, when the Obstruction is not far in; and then, instead of making the Incision between the Obstruction and the Glans, it should be made between the Obstruction and the Bladder, which would procure the coming away of the Water without the Catheter; and the Wound might be kept open till the Obstruction was cur'd, or levell'd, by the means we shall consider of hereafter, in case the Patient was not in a situation to come at my Remedy. But this Case is not very frequent; for the Ischury is oftener owing to Impediments situated at the Bottom of the *Urethra*, than near its Beginning: So that the Operation I propose is, for the most part, unadviseable.

The only means, then, left, is, the Puncture of the *Perinæum*, which *Col de Vilars* justly stiles the last Refuge, which is attempted only to prevent the impending Fate, and is seldom attended with Success: For as we have only recourse to it in the last extremity, and when the Distemper has got to such a Height, that the Inflammation is turn'd to a Gangrene, which soon happens, on account of the great sensibility of these Parts; we ought not to wonder at its procuring but a short Relief; and at its serving only to mitigate the horrors of Death, which must inevitably follow.

I have had the mortification of being Witness to such an instance, very lately. *September 17. 1747.* I was call'd, in consultation, about Mr. *Pezé*, a Bailiff, living in the *Great Council-yard*: I met, there, Mr. *Planes*, Surgeon of *St. Comes*, who gave me an account of his Illness; and told me, that he had been call'd in but the day before, and had advis'd him to send for me immediately. I examin'd the Patient, and found him in a most frightful condition; having a total Suppression of Urine, occasion'd by Carnosities. Having attempted, to no purpose, to relieve him,

him, I advis'd the sending for Mr. *Foubert*, Surgeon in Ordinary to the King in his Parliament-house: He came, and did, also, all that could be done in the like Cases; but the too long stay of the Urine in the Bladder had already brought on a general Mortification of the Parts, and the Patient died in a very little while; which fate he might have avoided, if he had follow'd the advice of a friend of his whom I had cur'd of the like Disorder, and who had strongly recommended to him not to put off applying to me. This is, also, but too strongly prov'd, by the example of the two Soldiers above-mention'd, who died in the Hospital at *Milan*, and by the following Case.

One *Triomphe*, a Shoemaker at *Turin*, was seiz'd with an Ischury, and had all proper means us'd against it; but, as they prov'd fruitless, it was resolv'd to make a Puncture in *Perinaeo*: But it prov'd too late; the Inflammation of the Bladder had subsisted too long; a Mortification came on, and put an end to his Life, a few Hours after the Operation. He had avoided this misfortune, if he had follow'd the advice of a friend, who, two Months before, would have engag'd him to put himself under my Care; but, by delaying, he was suddenly seiz'd with a total Suppression, which prov'd fatal to him. These Examples shew, that we cannot provide too soon against a venereal Strangury; and that we ought not to delay, too long, the Puncture of the *Perinaeum*, when there are no other means of procuring an Issue to the Urine.

If the Puncture of the *Perinaeum* can, then, be of any Service, you must not stay to the last Extremity before you put it in practice; both to shorten the violent Pains which necessarily attend the Ischury, and not to lose the chief Benefit which is to accrue from it; viz. the preserving Life. I must only take notice, that the Wound ought to be carefully look'd after, lest there should remain a *Fistula*, which is a troublesome

troublesome Complaint, and renders a Man disagreeable to himself and others.

Col de Vilars is not the only one who makes mention of this Operation: But what is surprising is, that, while he calls it a *last Refuge*, which ought, nevertheless, to be *attempted*, to endeavour to save the Patient's Life; an eminent and judicious Writer speaks of it with great Approbation. Thus *Palsyn*, in his *Chirurgical Anatomy*, Part II. Chap. XXII.

“ Instead of making use of Candles loaded with
 “ caustic and corroding Remedies, in the Obstru-
 “ ctions of the *Urethra*, which generally procure
 “ only a palliative Cure; Mr. *Collot* us'd to make,
 “ in *Perinæo*, an Incision somewhat less than that
 “ which is made in cutting for the Stone. Three
 “ considerable Advantages are gain'd by this In-
 “ cision:

“ 1. You prevent the stay of the Urine, which,
 “ as soon as this Incision is made, is no longer forced
 “ to find a Vent by fistulous Openings, and to
 “ hurt the Bladder by its confinement in it; having
 “ now a free Issue thro' the Opening of the *Peri-
 “ næum*.

“ 2. You are, then, at liberty to throw Injections
 “ into the Bladder, to cleanse it of its Foulness, de-
 “ terge its Ulcers, and dissolve what *Fungus* may
 “ have form'd itself in it.

“ 3. This Opening enables us to pass, into the
 “ *Urethra*, a Seton, arm'd with a suppurative and
 “ deterfive Remedy, which may be engag'd at the
 “ extremity of a Catheter which has been introduced
 “ by the natural Opening of the *Urethra*, as far as
 “ the Incision of the *Perinæum*; which, when drawn
 “ out, necessarily brings along with it the Seton that
 “ was fix'd at its extremity; and it is very easy to
 “ tie a fresh one to it every day, which is drawn in
 “ the same way, till the Excrescences being dis-
 “ solv'd, and the Ulcers deterg'd and cicatriz'd,
 “ the

“ the Urine comes again the natural way : After
 “ this, the Incision of the *Perinæum* is suffer'd to
 “ heal, as that which is made for the Extraction of
 “ a Stone. It is very plain, that this Method is
 “ much safer than medicated Candles.”

Let us analyse this Passage ; it very well deserves it: And, in doing it, I will follow the same Order that this Author has pointed out to me.

In the Cure of the Obstructions of the *Urethra*, *Collot* us'd to put in practice the Puncture of the *Perinæum* ; he, therefore, did not use a Staff to cut upon: For either the *Urethra* was obstructed, or not. If it was not, it was absurd to attempt, without reason, such a dangerous Operation ; if it was obstructed, the Introduction of the Staff was impracticable: And is it not running a very great risque, to attempt cutting into the Bladder without the help of this Instrument, unless one is very well skill'd, indeed, in the Anatomy of those Parts ? I leave this to the decision of those who are well vers'd in the Operation of the Stone. These two Operations are only different in their Ends, and both of them require a Hand guided by Practice ; which is not always to be met with.

The first Advantage which *Palsyn* attributes to this Operation, is evident: For the Urine, finding a free Vent, by the Incision of the *Perinæum*, will sooner pass off that way, than thro' the *Fistulas*, where it, mostly, meets with some resistance: But I do not agree with him, as to the second Advantage. I do not admit of the necessity of throwing Injections into the Bladder in the Case of *Fistulas* which are occasion'd by the Urine being forced upon the *Perinæum*, and gathering there more and more, till it, at last, makes itself an Opening ; and, if a free Passage, another way, is restor'd to it, the *Fistulas* will heal of themselves ; as they are only kept open by its dropping continually through.

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I do not understand what he means by the Foulness of the Bladder: If he means the slimy Humour, which is sometimes discharg'd, in great quantity; this is occasion'd by the repeated Contractions of the internal Membrane of the Bladder; which, being stimulated by the confinement of the Urine, squeezes out the *Mucus* of the Glands which are naturally design'd to lubricate it; which Contractions cease when the *Stimulus* is remov'd, and require no particular treatment; as is prov'd by Mr. *Boyer's* Letter.

As to the Ulcers of the Bladder, if there are any, which can't be known before the Operation (the same may be said of *Fungus*), they are no Arguments for it; since, if they admit of a Cure, we may as well attempt it by Injections thro' the *Urethra*, when once a clear Passage is procur'd. I, who am of opinion, that a venereal Ischury is caus'd by the swelling of Carnosities and Ulcers that are situated in the *Urethra*, cannot but approve the use of a Seton loaded with suppurative and deterfive Medicines, provided they are rightly suited to the nature of the Distemper; which no-body has discover'd before me: But how can those approve of them, who deny the existence of Carnosities? For what benefit can accrue, from these kinds of Medicines, to Cicatrices, or varicous Vessels, which are the only causes admitted of by *Palsyn* and others? Besides, how will the Incision of the *Perinaeum* enable us to treat the Disorders of the *Urethra* with a Seton loaded with a suitable Medicine, if the Catheter, by the help of which it is to be pass'd in, can't be introduced itself? As is the case, whenever the *Urethra* is wholly obstructed by Excrescences, *Varices*, or any other Swellings. And where is the necessity of making an Incision in *Perinaeo*, for the Introduction of this Seton? He that is acquainted with proper Medicines for the Cure of this Disorder, may as well, at once, pass them in by the natural Orifice of the *Urethra*. It is true, they will

will not bring about a Cure so soon as if they were contiguous to the whole length of the Disorder; because they will only be in contact with that part of it which looks towards the entrance of the *Urethra*: But patience brings about all things, when we are provided with proper Arms to encounter the Enemy; and this is the Method I follow. Several of my Cases prove, that my Sounds went in but a few Lines at first; but the Part affected, which they were in contact with, being melted down daily, they every day penetrated farther; and, at last, the Disorder yielding to their efficacy, and giving them a free entrance, they were apply'd to the whole length of it. I am, then, very far from agreeing, with *Palfyn*, that the Operation he advises, is much safer than the use of Candles: This is true, indeed, with regard to those that are made up of caustic ingredients, which, as well as himself, I look upon as very ill adapted for an absolute Cure; but not with regard to those that carry, to the seat of the Disorder, the only Medicine capable of curing radically, which is the property of that I have been so happy as to find out. The Authority of *Palfyn* can hardly be brought against me, as he only spoke of the Methods of Cure that were us'd in his time; no more than they can object to me his Opinion of the non-existence of Carnosities; when I have shew'd them to, and caus'd them to be felt by, several Persons of the Profession, who have been present at my dressing the Patients mention'd in Cases 65. and 70. of Part III. Nor should I have thought it worth my while to answer *Palfyn*, but that I would resolve even the smallest Doubts.

De la Faye, in his Remarks on *Dionis*, mentions, also, the necessity of the Puncture, or Incision, of the Bladder. Tho' he does not recommend it in such strong terms as *Palfyn*; it is sufficient, to prove the usefulness of my Discovery, that he thinks it necessary

cessary sometimes, though it were even but rarely.
 “ The Neck of the Bladder,” says he, “ is some-
 “ times so clos’d up by the Inflammation, that, even
 “ after having employ’d all the Remedies we have
 “ mention’d, we are not able to pass the Catheter:
 “ We are, then, oblig’d to make a Puncture in the
 “ Bladder with a Trocar, somewhat longer and
 “ larger, than that which is us’d for the *Paracentesis*.
 “ By this means, the Urine is emptied, the neigh-
 “ bouring Parts of the Bladder are no longer com-
 “ press’d, the Inflammation generally abates, and,
 “ soon after, we are able to introduce the Ca-
 “ theter.

“ In making the Puncture in *Perinaeo*, the Patient
 “ is to be laid on his Bed, in the same Posture as if
 “ he was to be cut for the Stone: *Tolet*, an excellent
 “ Lithotomist, us’d to perform this Operation on
 “ the side of the *Raphe*, in the place where the In-
 “ cision is made in the greater *Apparatus*, and with
 “ a particular Trocar, which he describes in his
 “ Book.

“ *Nuck* is, also, for the same place; but *Juncker*,
 “ and some others, prefer that which is wounded in
 “ the lateral way. This Method seems preferable
 “ to the other; because the Bladder, being very
 “ much distended at this time, swells out sideways,
 “ and is easily reach’d by the Trocar, without any
 “ danger of wounding either the *Urethra*, Neck of
 “ the Bladder, *Prostatæ*, or *Rectum*.

“ *Dionis* advises, to make the Puncture in the same
 “ place, but with a different Instrument (it is a sort
 “ of sharp Knife, four or five inches long): You
 “ must take notice, that this Operation must not be
 “ attempted, if there was any collection of Humours
 “ in *Perinaeo*; or any hardness in the *Urethra* to be
 “ destroy’d, or if the Prostates were to be suppu-
 “ rated.”

He adds, lower down, “ Repeated Bleedings,
 “ Bath, emollient Clysters, and Cataplasms, have
 “ sometimes no Effect: In this Case, you are forced
 “ to have recourse to the Puncture, or Incision, of
 “ the *Perinæum*. The Puncture is the least painful
 “ of the two; but we are sometimes oblig’d to give
 “ the preference to the Incision. If an Inflamma-
 “ tion, or a varicous Swelling of the spongy Sub-
 “ stance of the *Urethra*, are the only causes of the
 “ Suppression, the Puncture is to be made with the
 “ Trocar, as before describ’d; but if there is any
 “ Hardness, or Callosity, in the *Urethra*, or *Peri-
 naeum*, the Incision is preferable; as their Suppu-
 “ ration is, by this means, encourag’d, which is not
 “ effected by a simple Puncture. The Incision is,
 “ also, absolutely necessary, when, by too long a de-
 “ lay, or the use of caustic Candles, an urinous Ab-
 “ scess, or a Gangrene, has seiz’d on the *Perinæum*.
 “ If the Gangrene has reach’d the *Scrotum*, all the
 “ mortify’d part may be safely cut away, without
 “ fear of any bad consequence, from the Testicles
 “ being expos’d to the air. *Guerin* and *Morand*
 “ have several times put this in practice. This re-
 “ moves two things at once, the Gangrene, and the
 “ Suppression.

“ Besides the Hardness and Callosity of the *Ure-
 thra*,” says, afterwards, *De la Faye*, “ it often
 “ happens, that the *Prostata Superior* is swell’d and
 “ hard; there sometimes runs along the *Urethra* a
 “ scirrhus Cord, and in *Perinæo* Tumors of the
 “ same kind, whence it seems to take its rise: The
 “ *Semen*, in the time of ejaculation, instead of being
 “ impell’d along the *Urethra*, recoils back, and falls
 “ into the Bladder, which seems occasion’d by some
 “ Bar running along the *Verumontanum*; virulent
 “ Gonorrhœas, the Acrimony of the Urine, the In-
 “ flammation which usually attends Suppressions of
 “ Urine, and, frequently, the use of caustic Sounds,

“ are the Causes of this Mischief. When things
 “ are come to this height, nothing can procure a
 “ Cure, or even Ease, but the Incision in *Peri-*
 “ *naeo.*”

Speaking afterwards of the manner of performing this Operation, he says, “ The Patient is fixed
 “ in the same manner as in the old way of cutting
 “ for the Stone. The Staff is introduced into the
 “ Bladder, if it can be done, or at least as far into
 “ the *Urethra* as possible, to serve as a Direction.
 “ The Testicles are to be held by an Assistant, and
 “ you must cut near the Raphe, upon the Groove
 “ of the Staff, if it advanced far enough ; and you
 “ are to act as in the Operation for the Stone. If
 “ you have not the advantage of the Groove to cut
 “ upon, the Operation is much more difficult.
 “ The Surgeons being obliged to work without such
 “ Direction, ought to be well acquainted with the
 “ Make and Structure of the Parts on which he
 “ operates. If, after having made an Incision in
 “ the Integuments, he finds it difficult to make an
 “ opening in the *Urethra* itself, he must pierce into
 “ it with a Trocar, whose Cannula is slit, along
 “ which he can slip a Knife, after having drawn
 “ out the Trocar, and make the Incision he wanted.
 “ *Petit* and *Morand* have put this Method in
 “ practice, with Success.

“ If the Staff cannot be introduced far enough in
 “ the *Urethra*, to serve as a Direction, you may
 “ pass into the Bladder, at the Place where the Incision in the lateral way ends, a Trocar, with a
 “ slit Cannula, in which you may slide the point
 “ of a Knife, and thereby make a sufficient Incision.
 “ You must cut thro’ all the callous Parts ; those
 “ which are external, are to be cut away, taking
 “ care to spare the fleshy Part as much as possible :
 “ The Incision must be carried on thro’ the Fistula,
 “ and the Callosities which attend it, and even as
 “ far

“ far as the Prostate Gland, if it is hard and scirrhous, and can be come at.”

You may see, in this Author, the manner of treating the Wound afterwards ; but this is foreign to my Subject. I will only give you the reflections which naturally arise from the comparison of *de la Faye's* Method with mine. There is no longer any occasion for either Puncture or Incision of the *Perinæum* : What Pains are spared to the Patient ! How the Surgeon's Labour is lessened ! How much preferable is such a mild Method as mine, to the terrible Havock which becomes sometimes absolutely necessary without it ! I melt down all the Callosities of the excretory Ducts of the *Urethra* ; I consolidate Fistulas, and cause the Urine to flow again in its natural channel. I am far, however, from finding fault with *de la Faye*, and the other Surgeons I have mentioned, for having put in practice the Method he prescribes.

Astruc is, as usual, fuller than the foregoing Authors about the Cure of the Ischury : I will therefore, only give here the Extract of what he says, Book III. Chap. IV. p. 231. 1. You must have recourse, without delay, to repeated Bleedings in the Arm ; if they are neglected at first, it may be too late afterwards to call in their Assistance, this Distemper being very rapid in its Progress. 2. The Patient must be kept to a very low Diet, to lessen the quantity of the Blood. 3. Emollient Fomentations must be applied to the *Perinæum* ; and emollient Bath used. 4. Glysters should be frequently thrown up, now-and-then with the addition of some Cassia, to prevent their being licked up by the Lacteals, and increasing the quantity of the Urine. 5. Ptisans should be drank moderately, to dilute and soften the Blood, without increasing too much the quantity of Urine. 6. He prefers dipping the *Perinæum*, and Parts adjacent, to bathing ; the

same benefit accruing from it, without increasing the Secretion of Urine. 7. If any purulent Matter, by falling from the *Urethra*, indicates that the Inflammation tends to Suppuration, he advises to apply emollient suppurative Cataplasms to the *Perinaeum*. 8. If the violence of the Symptoms does not remit, he is for attempting to draw off the Urine with the Catheter, which is not to be introduced carelessly and forcibly, as this might increase, and bring to Suppuration, the Inflammation, which might otherwise have been happily dispersed; but gently, with art, and gradually, having first lubricated the Passage with Oil of Sweet Almonds, or a Mucilage *ex Semin. Psyllii*, without being frightened at the appearance of a few Drops of Blood; the Catheter is to be left in the Bladder till the Inflammation is dispersed, or come to Suppuration, and a free Passage is restored to the Urine. 9. If the Catheter cannot be passed into the Bladder, you are to make an Incision *in Perinaeo*; in which you are to introduce a Female Catheter, which being strait, and shorter than the Male, can be directed in what manner you please, with a great deal more Ease, as a long Experience has taught us. In case this succeeds, the Catheter is to be kept in the Bladder. 10. This Method not answering, we must have recourse to the Puncture of the *Perinaeum* with the Trocar. It is best to try a doubtful Remedy, than give up a Patient to certain Death. This Operation is not attended with any bad Consequences, as the Wound which is made in the Bladder admits of an easy Cure. The Canula must be kept in the Bladder; and, 11. As soon as the Urine has a free Passage, or the Inflammation is considerably abated, you must purge with Cassia and Manna, dissolved in Whey, to carry off gently the acrimonious and salt Particles which the Urine may have left behind in the Stomach.

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I have already taken notice, that all these Prescriptions were needless, if every body was within reach of my Remedy ; because there is no Ischury, tho' ever so stubborn, but what it subdues, provided I be called in time, and before the Urine, by too long a Confinement, has brought on a Mortification in the Bladder, and neighbouring Parts ; in which case there are no Hopes of Recovery ; as also, because Matters need never go so far, as I never fail of eradicating all the Causes of an habitual Strangury. But as all the unhappy Sufferers cannot partake of the happy Effects of my Discovery, I ought, for their sake, and that of those under whose Care they are, to communicate what has occurred to me, touching the means that are used, or may be used, in a Fit of the Ischury. I will accordingly make some Remarks upon the Method prescribed by *Astruc*. I shall be brief, as what he says has a great deal of affinity with what *Col de Vilars* and *Palsyn* have advanced ; which I dwelt upon sufficiently.

It is with reason that *Astruc* insists upon a speedy assistance being given in the Ischury, not only to deliver the Patient from the violence of the present Symptoms, but to prevent worse mischief, which would soon follow ; such as the loss of the Tone of the Bladder, from its excessive Distention ; or, what is still worse, a Mortification of it ; which is with reason judged incurable by all Authors in general.

All the Remedies prescribed by *Astruc*, which are also more numerous than those mentioned by *Col de Vilars*, are excessive proper, being all of the emollient kind ; but neither of them fixes what quantity of Liquors may be drunk, with Safety. Nothing can be more judicious than *Astruc's* Reflections concerning Bathing.

In the Case of the purulent Matter, which foretells a Suppuration, and which he looks upon as a Sign that the Inflammation is beginning to abate, I approve, with him, the use of suppurative Medicines ; but I am somewhat in doubt, whether this Matter does not rather proceed from an Ulcer in the *Urethra*, which has been the original cause of the Inflammation, than from a Suppuration brought on by the Inflammation. However, it is certainly true, that the Distemper is then giving way, since no Suppuration can come on, not even on the Ulcers, while the Inflammation is at the height.

Astruc wisely cautions against the too rough Introduction of the Catheter ; and one cannot insist too much upon this. For the same Reason, he orders it to be kept in the Bladder till a free Passage is procured to the Urine, that is, till it could come out freely of itself ; for while the Catheter is kept in, it has a free Issue thro' the hollow of it ; but the Difficulty of making Water will sometimes return very soon after it is removed, the Swelling of the Obstacles not having yet yielded sufficiently. You may see an Instance of it in *Case 92*.

When I say, *till the Urine can come freely of itself*, I mean, that the Catheter should be kept in, till it appears, by the almost total Cessation of the Symptoms, and by the Urine insinuating itself a little round the Catheter, that there is no Danger in suffering it to run in its natural channel ; for if there are still some considerable remains of the Inflammation, there may be a Relapse, which may force us once more to have recourse to the Catheter, which would cause fresh pain to the Patient.

I have but few things to say about the Incision of the *Perineum*, which is recommended when the Catheter cannot be introduced into the Bladder. Nevertheless, it is proper that Surgeons should be apprised, that it has not been put in practice so often

as one would imagine from *Astruc's* saying, that a long Experience has taught the preference of a Female Catheter over a Male one, in these cases. Those that are not well acquainted with this Distemper, would be apt to conclude, that this Operation is performed every Day : It is therefore necessary to repeat here, that it is a last Refuge, and that it frequently misses of its end.

It is true, that the Wound made with the Trocar is of no great Consequence, and easily enough healed up ; but the Reader must take notice, that the Success of it is doubtful, as I have proved above, by arguments drawn from other things, besides the consideration of the nature of the Wound itself ; and that, consequently, it is not to be attempted without Caution. The advice of *Astruc*, in giving a gentle Purge, when the Inflammation is considerably abated, to carry off the acrimonious Particles which the Urine might leave behind in the Stomach, is very just. However, when all the Emunctories are open, the great quantity of Diluters that is now allowed the Patient, is sometimes sufficient to wash off the Salts that might stick to the Coats of the Stomach. The Remarks I have made about the Method followed by *Col de Vilars*, may also serve for that Part of *Astruc's* Practice which I have not touched upon. But before I put an end to this Article, I must offer up my thanks to Providence, for having inspired me with the Discovery of a Remedy simple in itself, and of an easy application ; that at the same time delivers Mankind from the cruel Torments which naturally attend on this Distemper, and from those which the Means made use of to bring Relief, never fail to occasion. I repeat it again, the Means and Remedies used are only capable of bringing Relief, since the Cause is not removed, which consists in the Obstructions that plug up the *Urethra*, and continue causing an

habitual Strangury. Let us now see with what kind of Weapons this dangerous Enemy is attack'd, and with what success.

The Cure of the Habitual Strangury.

Col de Vilars mentions five Methods of Cure: Cathæretics, the Incision of the *Perinæum*, Candles of different sizes, the Introduction of Tents, and, lastly, leaden Probes of different sizes.

Let us examine each of these Methods separately.

“ The Antients,” says he, p. 222. “ looking on
“ Carnosities as the sole cause of this Disorder, en-
“ deavour'd to consume them with Cathæretics,
“ which they introduced into the *Urethra* in the
“ form of Candles; but these Medicines, by in-
“ flaming, corroding, and ulcerating the Passage,
“ increased the Disorder.”

Palfyn has not a more advantageous Opinion of them. He speaks of them in this manner: “ In
“ this Case” (of what he calls pretended Carnosities)
“ there are people rash enough to attempt, without
“ any previous preparation, to open a free passage
“ to the Urine by the means of Sounds loaded with
“ dissolving, and even consuming and cathæretic
“ Medicines; but it frequently happens, that these
“ Remedies, injudiciously apply'd, invite the Hu-
“ mours, increase the Inflammation, and occasion a
“ total Suppression: And tho', by allaying the most
“ threatening Symptoms by a cooling Diet, Bleed-
“ ings, Clysters, Bathing, soft Injections, Apo-
“ zems, and Emulsions, these dissolving and con-
“ suming Remedies, should open a free passage to the
“ Urine, by bringing the Swellings to Suppuration;
“ and tho', by cicatrizing the Ulcers with Sounds of
“ a desiccative nature, and by passing afterwards into
“ the *Urethra* leaden Probes, of different sizes, to di-
“ late it; the Patient should be enabled to make
“ Water

“ Water freely ; yet the Cure is not always lasting :
 “ For the new Ulcers, which the Cathæretics have
 “ form’d, must render the *Urethra* still more liable
 “ to Inflammations ; and these Debauchees, soon
 “ falling into their old course of life, either contract
 “ fresh Gonorrhœas, or, by hard drinking, render
 “ their Urine so acrimonious, that new Swellings
 “ arise round the Cicatrices, which are now in greater
 “ number ; and when this Urine, by being detain’d
 “ in the Bladder, has still acquir’d an higher degree
 “ of Acrimony, it grows corrosive, eats thro’ the
 “ *Urethra*, and, burrowing in all directions, forms
 “ fistulous Abscesses in several parts of the *Scrotum* ;
 “ so that as much, or more, Urine is discharg’d
 “ thro’ them, than by the natural way. When
 “ these *Fistulas* are of any standing, the only
 “ way to cure them is, by making large Incisions,
 “ and melting down all the Indurations by Suppu-
 “ ration ; but they are incurable when there are
 “ spongy Ulcers in the inside of the Bladder, unless
 “ we put in practice the Method of *Collot*, a famous
 “ Lithotomist, whom I saw operate at *Paris*.”

Astruc, Book III. Chap. IV. p. 239. having said
 that the Cure of the Habitual Strangury consisted in
 those things which could safely and effectually ex-
 tirpate, consume, destroy, bring to Suppuration,
 compress, and level all the various Obstacles of the
Urethra which obstruct the passage of the Urine,
 adds, “ And, for this end, four Methods have been
 “ put in practice. The Antients, who were ac-
 “ quainted with no other Obstacles in the *Meatus*
 “ *Urinarius* but Caruncles, callous Bodies, and *Ver-*
 “ *ruæ*, placed their whole study in consuming
 “ them by cathæretic Medicines carry’d in by the
 “ help of Candles ; and they heal’d, with Epulotics,
 “ the little Ulcers that remain’d at the Basis of these
 “ Excreescences. This Method has long been laid
 “ aside, and for several Reasons :

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“ 1. Because it is calculated solely for the Caruncles and *Verruæ* which beset the *Urethra*, and by no means for those things which streighten it; and yet every-body grants, that these sorts of Obstacles are the most frequent causes of the Strangury which succeeds a Gonorrhœa.

“ 2. Because it is always attended with danger: For Cathæretics, which are strong enough to consume the Caruncles, must inevitably, at the same time, inflame, corrode, and ulcerate the sound parts of the *Urethra*. I know that the Antients endeavour’d to guard against this Inconvenience by means of several Instruments and Remedies; but I know, at the same time, that all their precautions were, for the most part, fruitless: And they have, themselves, recorded the Examples of several Persons who were afflicted with Inflammation of the *Penis*, Abscesses of the *Perinæum*, and a Gangrene itself, by the use of this Method.

“ 3. Because, frequently, instead of bringing Relief, it increases the Strangury; either because the little Ulcers, which the Cathæretics form in the *Urethra*, being ill deterg’d, grow up into fresh *Hyperfarcoses*, or Caruncles; or rather because, when they are heal’d, they leave behind them hard streight Cicatrices, which lessen the diameter of the *Urethra*.”

I will, as usual, make some Reflections upon these three Passages.

If Carnosities are not the only Causes of the Obstructions of the *Urethra*, they are, nevertheless, some of the most frequent; notwithstanding the contrary Opinion of several Authors: And I could, with good foundation, advance the same of Callosities, or hard callous Cicatrices, which succeed Ulcers improperly heal’d. For, from what experience has taught me, the whole difference of a Carnosity, and hard Cicatrice, lies in their Form and Consistence:

ence: A Carnosity is a sort of Mushroom, and a Cicatrice is a flatter Eminence, and the Basis of it is equal to the Superficies of the Ulcers which it has succeeded, or rather conceal'd: For all Carnosities and Callosities are, as I have learn'd from observation, the produce of Ulcers. Both these kinds of Obstacles are owing to the bad covering of the Ulcer, which now lies conceal'd, but still evidently exists; since, in four hours time, and oftentimes in less, my Medicines bring these coverings to Suppuration, and set the Ulcers a running again, as they did when the Gonorrhœa was fresh contracted. *Hippocrates* himself advises this Suppuration, in the 82d *Aphorism*, Sect. 4. *Those that have a Swelling, or Caruncle, in the inside of the Penis, obtain a Cure, if it is brought to Suppuration.* But my Remedy goes farther; for the Ulcer is intirely heal'd by it, as it continues the Suppuration, till it is wholly freed of the Humour which fed it. Now an Ulcer, when once well cleans'd, becomes a simple Solution of Continuity, and heals by Nature's help only: Thus the Persons who have been under my care, either for fresh or renew'd Gonorrhœas (for I may give this appellation to what is produced by my Medicines), may, indeed, contract a fresh illness, but will never relapse into the former. Nevertheless, some people, for very obvious reasons, not caring to confess, that they had run fresh hazards, since they had been out of my hands, have rather chosen to make me the victim of their interest, than to let their shameful actions come to light.

What I have said, of the near relation there is betwixt Callosities and Carnosities, is agreeable to *Paré's* sentiment; who seems to account for Callosities by the long standing of Carnosities. *The Carnosities which are of long standing, and grown callous, must be soften'd with Fomentations, Cataplasms, Liniments, Plaisters, and Fumigations.* He greatly extols,

tols, to this effect, the Fumes of Vinager pour'd upon a hot Brick. I come again to Cathæretics.

It is enough to condemn the use of them, that they inflame, corrode, and ulcerate the *Urethra*; but they have still a worse effect: For they do not always act on that part which we propose to consume, but corrode the sound part, which we want to preserve. We see a dreadful example of it in *Case 71.* where the Caustic left the Caruncle untouch'd, and produced near it a *Fistula*, with a considerable loss of Substance, and even eat away some of the Skin which covers the *Corpora Cavernosa*.

Paré, who made use of consuming Powders, which he apply'd to the Carnosity by the help of a Catheter, to prevent the Powder from being spread in the *Urethra*, is far from advising the use of Cathæretics. *We must*, says he, *in the Cure of Carnosities, avoid the too great use of sharp, corrosive Medicines; which might cause a great deal of mischief, by the irritation they cause to so sensible a part.* What must we, then, think of the conduct of a Surgeon of *Bordeaux*, whom I have taken notice of in *Case 89.* who was bold enough to use the Lunar Caustic? But let us draw off our eyes from so rash an Action, and remark, with *Paré*, that, notwithstanding the Mildness of his consuming Remedy, it occasion'd, sometimes, a great deal of Pain: For to what purpose else should he prescribe things proper to allay it? The mildest Escharotics are not, then, free from danger. Besides this, the most skilful Surgeon is not able to foresee whether the Cathæretic he uses is properly adapted to the nature of the *Virus* which occasions the Carnosity or Callosity; for which reason, they will not fail to grow up afresh, as *Astruc* has very well taken notice, without assigning the true reason of it. For if the Cause, which keeps up the Ulcer, had nothing of a particular Nature in it, it

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might be heal'd with ease: The *Materia Medica* abounds with deterfive Medicines, but the difficulty consists in finding out one, which, besides this quality, has that of being antivenereal; which I have been so happy as to discover.

You may apply what I have said of Carnosities, and hard callous Cicatrices, to the *Verruæ* which beset the *Urethra*; they are, also, nothing else but a sort of Incrustation which hides a venereal Ulcer, which must be renew'd afresh, exhausted of its *Virus*, and heal'd up with Remedies properly adapted to the Cause.

Tho' I should even grant, that caustic Medicines might be safely apply'd, against all sorts of Excrecences in the *Urethra*; yet they would evidently appear improper in the case of Ulcers, or what is generally call'd feminal Weaknesses: Instead of being beneficial, in these cases, they would rather do harm. Caustic Medicines are, then, very far from removing and destroying, as the Antients believ'd, all the causes of the Habitual Strangury.

Palsyn injudiciously confounds suppurative Medicines with caustic ones, when he inveighs against the last. As the Virtue of the first consists in melting down the Humours which are clogg'd up in the Excrecences which beset the *Urethra*, they are not of a nature to produce fresh Ulcers; they can, at most, but renew former ones: They are, then, not faulty on the side that *Palsyn* attacks them; but because they have not the Virtue of healing the Ulcer which they renew, not being antivenereal; or, if they are so, are not properly adapted to the particular nature of these Ulcers. The same inconvenience attends Epulotics, which would cicatrize any Ulcers but those which owe their Being to a venereal Taint; but which, us'd either at first, or after deterfive Medicines, are not able to procure a firm Cicatrice, as the primary cause is not remov'd. And this is the reason
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why the benefit, that accrues from them, is of so short a duration, as *Palsyn* takes notice. He had spoken with more justness, if he had said, that the benefit arising from them is never lasting, unless we have to do with people of excessive good constitutions, and that are never guilty of any irregularities; and even, sometimes, in spite of this double advantage, the *Virus* maintains its ground so strongly, that the Excrecences rise afresh. It is, however, true, that the Urine, during the Suppuration, not contracting any unusual Acrimony, does not irritate the *Urethra*, and occasion the Blood and Humours to cause Obstructions in those Parts. For I am not of the Opinion of *Palsyn*, who pretends, that the stay of the Urine in the *Urethra* renders it so acrimonious, that it corrodes the substance of it, and produces *Fistulas*. A Collection of Urine, considerable enough to occasion such a Disorder, can only proceed from the total Obstruction of the *Urethra*, by some Obstacle, or other. For if some small quantity of it is detain'd, for a time, it soon escapes out upon the Shirt, as all Fluids must do, in a part which favours their Issue.

But the Consequence will be very different, if, by the Irritation which the Urine occasions to the sensible Membrane of the *Urethra*, the Blood, or other Humours, come to stagnate there: Abscesses are then form'd, which obstruct the Passage of the Urine, and lacerate or burst the Coats of the *Urethra*, or Neck of the Bladder; and when these Abscesses break of themselves, or are open'd, which we are often oblig'd to do, the Urine, which can't pass off by its natural Channel, directs its course to that part where it meets with less resistance, and continues running off that way as long as it meets with an Opposition in its Passage thro' the *Urethra*; and, for this reason, some of these Abscesses become fistulous, and others not, tho' situated in the very same

same place. For when the Urine can't force itself a Passage thro' the *Urethra*, it is continually driven on thro' the Abscess, and, by preventing it from closing up, renders it fistulous; whereas an Abscess does not contract so bad a nature, when a free Passage is soon restor'd to the Urine.

This Opinion is conformable to that of *De la Faye*, *loco citato*. "You must take notice," says he, "that as Matter will make its way into the Bladder from outwardly, in the same manner the Urine does sometimes from inwardly, eat through the *Urethra* and Bladder, in one or more places, and form a urinous and purulent Abscess in *Perinaeo*; which should be open'd without delay, lest the Urine should insinuate itself into the neighbouring Parts, and work itself several Openings; as is too often the case, when Suppressions of Urine are not well attended to: Whence so many different *Fistulas* are form'd in *Perinaeo*, and neighbouring parts, thro' which the Urine drains itself."

A *Fistula in Perinaeo* is no trifling complaint: For, besides the inconvenience of a continual Loss of Urine, which, in spite of all care, renders people disagreeable to themselves and others, by its odious stench; besides the shocking prospect that lies before them, of never getting rid of this Disorder; these *Fistulas* are sometimes aggravated, and cause Inflammations and *Sinuses*, which run in all Directions, and are the more dangerous, according to their depth, and the Parts that are affected.

De la Faye has observ'd, that "there is sometimes an Abscess form'd betwixt the Bladder and *Rectum*, or in the substance of the *Prostata Superior*, which does not appear outwardly, and discharges itself into the Bladder, either by breaking of itself, or by the Introduction of the Catheter, or some time after. The Matter comes out mix'd with the Urine, and the Swelling and Inflammation

“ mation of the neighbouring Parts abate immediately.”

In this very case, *Palfyn* advises to make large Incisions in the *Scrotum*, to bring all the callous Parts to Suppuration. This is a painful, but, what is still worse, a fruitless Operation; since the *Fistulas* can never close up, as long as the Urine can't pass off freely in its natural Channel. *Collot's* Method can't be substituted to it with better hopes, for the reasons we have given before; and *Astruc* is against its being put in practice, at least in the generality of Cases. “ It is not advisable,” says he, “ to attempt the Cure of the fistulous Ulcers of the *Perinæum*, that have a communication with the *Rectum* and Bladder; because it is impossible to lay open all the various *Sinuses* without repeated Incisions, and making a most terrible havock of the Parts, which is always dangerous. Therefore, not to disgrace a Method which is often beneficial, it is better to rest contented with a palliative Cure only, especially when a Patient is exhausted and emaciated by the long continuance of his Illness; and is, besides, of a bad Habit of Body.”

This palliative Cure consists, according to the same Author, p. 197. “ 1. In the use of whatever dilutes and softens the briny Acrimony of the Blood; as a light, moistening, cooling Diet; Abstinence from Wine, Venery, Exercise, Riding, and violent Passions of the Mind; warm Bathing; cooling Broths or Apozems; a Milk Diet; gentle Purges, frequently repeated; such as the Pulp of *Cassia* dissolv'd in Whey or Manna, in a Glass of Ptisan, with the addition of a Drachm of purging Salt.

“ 2. In whatever is balsamic, and therefore proper to fill up the cavity of the Ulcer, and form a Cicatrice, or, at least, to assuage its violence, and keep it from spreading; as *Chio* or *Venice Turpentine*,

“ pentine, to a Drachm at a Dose ; or the Balsams
 “ of *Peru*, *Capivi*, or *Canada*, to six, eight, ten,
 “ or twelve Drops, mix’d with Sugar, in the Form
 “ of a Bolus, or in a Spoonful of Syrup of Maiden-
 “ hair.

“ 3. In whatever restores the Tone of the Parts
 “ affected, and dissolves the stagnating Humours, and
 “ is therefore, in either Intention, very proper to
 “ promote the Circulation of the Blood and Lymph;
 “ such as Fomentations and Embrocations of the
 “ *Perinæum* with the Bath-waters of *Balaruc*, *Bar-
 “ reges*, and *Bourbon* ; or mercurial Unctions, re-
 “ peated now-and-then.”

You will meet, among my *Cases*, with a great number of Instances of *Fistulas in Perinæo* of all kinds, which I have perfectly cur’d in a short time : Can it be doubted, after such Examples, whether my Method is preferable to those which were put in practice before me ; when I have no recourse to any kind of Operation ; when I hardly prescribe to my Patients any particular Regimen, and use but very few Internals ; the chief part of the Cure consisting in my topical Remedies duly apply’d ; unless I have reason to think that there is a general Taint in the Blood, at the same time there is a particular one in the *Urethra* ? My Patients are safe from the danger of a Relapse, as I first begin to cleanse and open the urinary Passages ; removing, by this means, what chiefly hinders *Fistulas* from closing up ; and my own Remedy then, is, almost sufficient, alone, to procure a firm Cicatrice. I deterge, in the same manner, all the *Sinuses* I can conveniently come at.

The various Complaints mention’d in the Passage I brought out of *Palsyn*, engag’d me to give, in this place, what has occur’d to me touching Abscesses and *Fistulas in Perinæo* : I must now make some Remarks upon what is said by *Astruc*.

To cure an Habitual Strangury, he advises, *to remove, consume, destroy, bring to Suppuration, compress, and level* all the Obstacles which hinder the free course of Urine: Yet all these Means are not able to perform a radical Cure. To this purpose, we must not only clear the Passage for a time, but root out the Cause of the Excrescences and Swellings which occasion these Symptoms; and this is not brought about by simply *removing, consuming, destroying, bringing to Suppuration, compressing, levelling* the Obstacles. Besides, all these Intentions of Cure have no regard to old Ulcers, which are acknowledged as such, nor to that Complaint which I also term an Ulcer, tho' it is vulgarly call'd a seminal Weakness, or Gleet.

As for corrosive Medicines, it is very evident, as he says, that they could only serve to destroy Caruncles and *Verrucae*, and the Callosities or Cicatrices of Ulcers badly heal'd up; if we suppose them of the same nature as those which Surgeons sometimes, thro' carelessness, suffer to come on upon external Wounds and Ulcers, which is not the case here, as I have already observ'd; but they never can cure callous Ulcers, the *Verumontanum* swell'd or grown scirrhus, the fungous and callous substances which grow on the excretory Ducts of the *Prostatae*, and other Glands of the *Urethra*: On the contrary, they must be very hurtful in the Case of Ulcers, and other Defects of the *Verumontanum*, which Part ought to be carefully preserv'd, as a continual *Stillicidium* must be the consequence of the loss of it; which misfortune could not fail of being brought on by those who, not knowing the true situation of the *Verumontanum*, should mistake it for a callous Obstacle or Excrescence, and should eat it down by the means of their corrosive Medicines. It is equally evident, that the use of them must be pernicious, if the Habitual Strangury is owing to varicous Vessels; for an Escha-

Escharotic, by corroding their Membranes, would bring on an Hæmorrhage. But we have no occasion to dwell on the effect of Corrosives in this complaint, having prov'd, before, that it hardly ever exists: We may, however, take notice, by-the-by, that as those Authors, who have spoke of the bad effects of Corrosives, have never made any mention of an Hæmorrhage; it is a plain Proof, that the streightening of the *Urethra* is never owing to any *Varices*.

I will add to the solid Reasons brought by *Astruc* against Corrosives, that, as their Action is always attended with an Irritation of the Parts, they will be more apt to streighten, than to enlarge the Passage.

The Reader will not be displeas'd with finding here what *Dionis*, and his Commentator, think of Callosities, Cicatrices, and Bridles; which last Complaint is, according to the latter, nothing but a Contraction of the *Urethra* by a Cicatrice. *Dionis* makes no mention of it: He looks on Callosities as incurable. As for Cicatrices, he is for consuming them with a Cathæretic, more or less strong, which is apply'd to the Part affected by the means of a Wax Candle, whose extremity is somewhat hollow'd in, to receive the Remedy. There is no need to make fresh Observations concerning this Method: We have seen, before, what Judgment is to be made of it, notwithstanding what the Author adds afterwards; that *we must not lose patience, during the Operation of this Remedy, which requires a long time: For, if we should increase the strength of the Medicine, to hasten the Cure, we might endanger the bringing on Pain and Inflammation, by eating deeper than requisite.* To these Precautions, *Dionis* should have added some certain Signs whereby to know the different degree of Sensibility, in the *Urethra* of different persons; for, without this, we act without a Guide: For that which makes but a slight Impression upon one person, will cause an Inflammation in another.

We will not follow *De la Faye*, step by step, in what he teaches concerning the Ischury, or Habitual Strangury; we have already brought here the best part of it. He gives a Preservative against the Ischury, which consists *in living regularly, in applying to the Perinæum, and along the Urethra, suppurative and emollient Remedies; in introducing into it a Wax Candle, arm'd with Ointment of Marshmallows; to soften the hard Substances, and preserve the natural diameter of the Passage.* We have seen, above, how averse he is to Caustics, and sharp Probes, notwithstanding the Encomiums which *Paré* bestows on these last. *I have*, says he, *perform'd several remarkable Cures by their means.* He us'd them to file away the Callosities, without minding the Bleeding, which he look'd upon as beneficial: *For, as this Blood proceeds from the Carnosity itself, it discharges part of the Humour, which feeds it, and greatly relieves the part: And if no Blood appears spontaneously, it will not be amiss to invite it, gently, with the Probe.* I shall not dwell upon examining this Method, which is now wholly exploded; but will pass, immediately, to *De la Faye's* Method of treating the hard and callous Substances of the *Urethra*.

“ By the means of a Catheter, which comes out
 “ at the Incision *in Perinæo*, you introduce a Seton,
 “ made of a long slip of Linen, unravell'd on the
 “ sides: This Seton must be arm'd with the fore-
 “ mention'd Digestive (consisting of the *Liniment.*
 “ *Arc. Basilic.* and the *Ol. Hyperic.* with the addition
 “ of equal parts of red Precipitate and burnt Alum,
 “ whose quantity is increas'd or lessen'd, in proportion
 “ to its effect); the Wound is to be fill'd with Dof-
 “ sils, arm'd with the same Medicine, and to be co-
 “ ver'd with Pledgets of the same; the *Cannula*,
 “ also, may be rubb'd with it, except at the extre-
 “ mity, which is to be cover'd with the common
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“ Digestive, lest the Precipitate and Alum should
 “ cause an Irritation to the Bladder.”

This Method is attended with inconveniencies that mine has not. 1. There must be an Incision in *Perinaeo*. 2. It is taken for granted, that the Seton and Catheter can be easily introduced, which can't be done when the *Urethra* is intirely obstructed. 3. All *Urethras* cannot bear with such Escharotics. 4. The Disorder cannot be intirely rooted out by these Remedies, which have no relation with the Cause that produces it: And what useless pains and trouble, if it is not radically subdu'd!

The second Method, put in practice for the Cure of the Habitual Strangury, has been attended with no better success. “ The *Urethra*,” says *Col de Vilars*, “ was
 “ laid open upon the Groove of a Staff, to find out the
 “ Caruncles, and consume and destroy them: But,
 “ after the Wound was heal'd up, the Cicatrice render'd the *Urethra* still narrower than before.”

Astruc gives a fuller Account of this sort of practice. “ Having observ'd,” says he, “ the situation
 “ of the Obstacles which were in the *Meatus Urinarius*, and mark'd that part of the *Perinaeum* which
 “ answer'd to them, a Catheter, with a Groove in it,
 “ was introduced, as far as possible, into the *Urethra*; and, at the extremity of it, either side of
 “ the *Perinaeum* was laid open, according to the direction of the *Raphe*, and the Incision was carry'd on towards the *Anus*; all the Obstacles coming then in sight, it was easy to treat them with
 “ different Remedies, according to their different
 “ circumstances: If they were Caruncles, callous
 “ Bodies, or Excrescences, with Cathæretics; but
 “ if sordid Ulcers, fed upon the *Urethra*, they were
 “ deterg'd and cleans'd with proper Remedies.
 “ But it appears, that the greatest part of those who
 “ underwent this Operation, after having been tormented for a long time, reap'd no sort of Benefit

“ from it; but, after the Wound was heal’d up,
 “ were more troubled with the Strangury than be-
 “ fore; the *Urethra* having been still more streight-
 “ en’d by the new Cicatrice.”

We can add still stronger Reasons to those which *Col de Vilars* and *Astruc* have furnish’d us with, for laying aside this practice.

1. If the Catheter should be stopp’d on this side the Obstacle, the Incision could not be made upon it; the Cathæretic would then be apply’d only on that part of the Obstacle which look’d towards the natural entrance of the *Urethra*: So that the only Advantage that would accrue from the Operation would be, the preserving the rest of the Duct from the Action of the Caustic. But if this Remedy was capable of destroying the Carnosities, and the Ulcer could be heal’d afterwards by the means of Epulotics; were it not much better to pass into the *Urethra* a *Cannula*, or hollow Catheter, with a Tent arm’d with this corrosive Medicine, to fix it upon the Disorder, without having recourse to an Operation by which the sound parts are injur’d?

2. This Operation was evidently useless, with regard to Ulcers; as one can as well, without it, apply to them, by means of a Candle, the Remedies proper to deterge and cicatrize them. This Operation was, then, so much labour thrown away, with regard to the two Cases in which it was perform’d; and nothing can be a stronger Proof of it than my Method of Cure, wherein I have no occasion to lay open the *Urethra* to apply proper Remedies to the Disorder.

3. But the greatest fault I find with the antient practice is, that as the Disorders of the *Urethra* were not encounter’d with Remedies suited to their nature, they could not fail returning again; so that this Method, cruel as it was, was but palliative. By what I have said it is plain, that I do not believe it an easy matter

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to destroy Carnosities by the use of Cathæretics, or to cleanse the Ulcers by that of deterfive Medicines; since no sure and infallible Deterfive was known before me, and the Action of no one Caustic could be certainly depended upon. But this is dwelling too long on the examination of a Method which has been laid aside, for such substantial reasons. Let us pursue the Analysis of those which have been since put in practice.

“ The best Method,” says *Col de Vilars*, still in the same place, “ is, by introducing Candles into the *Urethra*, which, by their size and solidity, distend gradually the sides of the *Urethra*, at the same time softening and relaxing its Fibres. They are made in the following manner:

“ You must take long Slips of fine Linen, of a proper breadth and length, which you are to dip in new Wax melted, or, as some advise, in the mercurial Plaister of *Vigo*: It must be roll’d, afterwards, betwixt two smooth Boards warm, and be form’d into a solid compact Candle, that insensibly ends in a Cone. You must make them of different length and bigness; the longest should be nine or ten Inches long, and the biggest of the size of a common Quill; the rest must decrease gradually, so that the smallest be about as big as a common Probe. You must begin by using the smallest Candle, in this manner: The Patient having emptied his Bladder, it must be dipp’d in Oil, and gently pass’d up the *Urethra*, till it arrives at any of the Obstacles, and even farther, if possible: If it could be got into the Bladder, it would be still better; but this seldom happens the first time. When the Patient is inclin’d to make Water, the Candle must be taken out, and replaced again afterwards, endeavouring to make it advance as far as possible; this must be repeated three or four times a day, till it gets into

“ the Bladder, and can be taken out and pass’d in
 “ freely, and without pain: You then pick out the
 “ next Size, and so on, by degrees. When the big-
 “ gest goes in and out with ease, it is a sign that the
 “ *Urethra* is sufficiently dilated, and that all the Ob-
 “ stacles are levell’d down. You may, by this Me-
 “ thod, get the better of the most inveterate Habi-
 “ tual Strangury. But tho’ the Water comes in a
 “ full Stream, the use of the Candles must be conti-
 “ nu’d, every day, for some hours; then once a
 “ week; and, lastly, only once a month: For the
 “ *Urethra*, in this Disorder, has a strong disposition
 “ to contract, and grow narrow. The Candles must
 “ be chang’d, as occasion requires.”

I am far from thinking, with *Col de Vilars*, that the worst kinds of Habitual Stranguries may be cur’d by this Method; for it is very obvious, that it can be serviceable only in a Contraction of the *Urethra* caus’d by a Cicatrice which has succeeded a great loss of Substance. For of what use can these Candles be to fungous and callous Excrescences? To a *Scirrhus* or *Fungus* that has risen on the excretory Ducts of the *Prostatæ*, *Vesiculæ Seminales*, and other Glands of the *Urethra*? To the Swelling of the *Verumontanum*? It is true, they may procure a temporary Relief, in these Cases; but what service will they be of to Ulcers, which is so common a Complaint? These Candles of *Col de Vilars* act only by dilating gradually the sides of the *Urethra*, and relaxing its Fibres. Let us, even besides these Qualities, grant them that of dissolving, which they will have, if the mercurial Plaister enters into their composition; but will this answer all the necessary Intentions of Cure? We must then conclude, that what he calls *the best Method of Cure*, falls very short of being perfect. It is, however, preferable to that which he mentions immediately after. “ Several Practitioners,” says he, “ only
 “ make up short Candles, which they tie with a thread,
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“ and pass up by the means of a strait hollow Catheter, which they first introduce into the *Urethra* ;
 “ they push on the Candle with a Probe, in the
 “ Cavity of the Catheter, till it is got amongst the
 “ Obstacles ; and they use larger successively, as
 “ we have said of the long Candles. When the
 “ Patient wants to make Water, it is drawn out by
 “ the Thread, and it must be replaced afterwards,
 “ or another in its room ; these sorts of Candles
 “ occupying but one part of the *Urethra*, occasion
 “ only an unequal Dilatation.”

“ Frequent Instances,” says *Astruc*, *loco citato*,
 “ have shewn, that this Method is serviceable ;
 “ and that notwithstanding the slowness of its Operation, it relieves gently, effectually, and without
 “ Danger, the most stubborn Stranguries. It is,
 “ however, attended with two Inconveniences.

“ 1. The Tent which is introduced, not being
 “ equal to the length of the *Urethra*, does not
 “ dilate it equally, but only widens that Part where
 “ it lies, streightening at the same time the Parts that
 “ are on each Side of it, and in so much the
 “ greater Degree, as the intermediate Part is more
 “ dilated ; which is the case in all elastic Tubes,
 “ if they are only distended in one Part.

“ 2. The Apparatus of this Operation is too
 “ troublesome for the Patient to dress himself ; so
 “ that he is always obliged to have a Surgeon at
 “ hand, which, in a thing that requires to be so
 “ often repeated, is exceeding inconvenient ; for
 “ which Reason this Method has given place to
 “ one much more easy, expeditious, and useful.”

Notwithstanding the encomiums which *Astruc*
 bestows on Tents introduced into the *Urethra*, they
 have, besides the Inconveniences which I have re-
 marked in the short Candles of *Col de Vilars*, and
 that which both these Authors have taken notice of,
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Astruc complains of in particular, of being very troublesome, which would be but a trifling Consideration, if a radical Cure was obtained by their means, another Defect, which these Gentlemen have overlooked, and yet is of no small Consequence; which is, the danger of the Thread's breaking, which the Moisture it imbibes in the *Urethra* will make it very liable to. That the Reader may not accuse me of seeking for bare Possibilities to raise Objections, I will relate a matter of Fact.

There was a Physician at *Lyons*, about thirty Years ago, who treated Habitual Stranguries with some Success by the means of Tents, which were armed with some particular Composition, which he never divulged, and which sometimes performed an absolute Cure. These Tents, as those I just mentioned, were drawn out of the *Urethra* by the means of a Thread: But unluckily the Thread once chanced to break, I suppose, on account of the more than common Swelling of the Tent; in consequence of which that Part of the *Urethra* which was on this side the Tent, was also rendered streighter than usual. The Patient, in the mean while, was taken with a strong Inclination of making Water, which kept increasing as the Bladder filled. He was at last seized with all the Symptoms that attend a Venereal Ischury, with this afflicting Circumstance, that the Palliatives usually administered in those Cases could be of no Service in his Condition. The Doctor for a long while tortured his Imagination in vain, to avoid laying open the *Urethra*, which would have greatly injured his Character, and at last hit upon this Expedient: He invented a Pair of Forceps, slender enough to make their way into the *Urethra*, and was so lucky with them, as to make the Extraction of the Tent. I have had a sight of that instrument, which is very ingeniously contrived; but it would be very difficult to

to use it, if the Tent stuck far in. What has happened once, may happen again, in spite of all Precautions; whence I conclude, that this Method is not free from Danger, and that we should seek for another, tho' a radical Cure might be obtained by this.

We are now come to the last Method which *Astruc* recommends as more easy and convenient.

“ Prepare ten or twelve cylindrical Rods, of different Sizes, made of ductile Lead; let each
 “ of them be nine or ten Inches long, but of unequal thickness, so that the thickest be somewhat larger than a Pen, and the rest go gradually decreasing. When the Patient is prepared
 “ for the Operation, and the Bladder is emptied, choose the smallest Rod, dip it in Oil, and pass
 “ it up the *Urethra*, till it arrives at the Obstacles, forcing it amongst them as far as you well can
 “ without giving too much Pain. If you should get into the Bladder the very first Day, it is so
 “ much the better; but there is no harm if you should be forced to stop in the middle of the
 “ Obstacles, which is most frequently the Case. It must then be pushed in further the following
 “ Days, till by degrees it reaches the Bladder. The Rod is to be kept in three or four Hours
 “ every Day, till the Urine, by soliciting a Discharge, occasions its Removal; and this is to be
 “ repeated every Day, till the Rod can pass in freely backwards and forwards, without giving
 “ any Pain.

“ Then pick out another Rod, somewhat thicker than the former, which is to be introduced with the same Caution, thro' the *Urethra*, by degrees, into the Bladder; and in like manner the other
 “ Rods are to be successively applied in Order, ascending by degrees to the largest; and when
 “ that can be introduced with Ease, it is a Sign that the *Meatus Urinarius* is sufficiently dilated,

“ that the Obstacles are removed, and that there is
 “ a free Passage for the Urine.

“ However, tho’ the Urine should be voided in
 “ a full Stream, you must not too hastily conclude,
 “ that the Cure is completed; since we learn by
 “ Experience, that the Obstacles will sprout up
 “ again after Compression, and streighten the Duct,
 “ if we omit repeating the Use of the Leaden
 “ Rods. Therefore this Operation is to be con-
 “ tinued for a considerable time; at first, daily for
 “ an Hour or two; then twice or thrice in a Week;
 “ and, lastly, three or four times in a Month.
 “ Nor dare I ever promise a perfect Cure for this
 “ kind of Strangury, but merely a palliative one.

“ There is certainly this advantage in the Me-
 “ thod we have laid down, that the Patient prac-
 “ tises it himself in the following manner: Lying
 “ on his Back in Bed, with his Legs drawn up,
 “ and Thighs asunder, and holding the Penis in the
 “ left Hand, with his right he introduces into it a
 “ Rod, which he has first dipt in Oil: It is easy
 “ enough to proceed in a right Line to the Root
 “ of the *Penis*; but the *Perinaeum* should be
 “ gently compressed, that the end of the Rod may
 “ bend and fit itself to the Passage, proceeding
 “ slowly, till it at last reaches the Bladder. By this
 “ means the Rod will easily pass by all the windings
 “ of the *Urethra*, and accommodate itself to all its
 “ bendings with great ease.

“ Farther, lest any bad Accident should happen
 “ thro’ Rashness, Ignorance, or Over-hastiness,
 “ before this method is attempted, the following
 “ Precautions should be carefully attended to.

“ 1. If it appears by the Symptoms, or there
 “ are strong Reasons to conjecture, that the Patient
 “ is infected with the Venereal Disease, the proper
 “ Remedies in this Case should be first premised.

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“ 2. The fitteſt Season of the Year, ſuch as
 “ Spring or Autumn, ſhould be choſen, preferably
 “ to any other, the Texture of the Fibres being
 “ then ſofter, and the Blood not ſo apt to be
 “ kindled into a Fever.

“ 3. Universals being premiſed, to wit, Bleed-
 “ ing and Purging, the Acrimony of the Blood
 “ ſhould be corrected by cooling Broths or Apo-
 “ zems, Whey, acidulated mineral Waters,
 “ and Bathing.

“ 4. During the whole courſe of the Cure, the
 “ Patient is to abſtain from Wine, Venery, and
 “ Exerciſe ; to uſe a regular, moiſtening, cooling
 “ Diet ; to drink, by way of Piſan, an Infuſion
 “ of Linſeeds and Mallow-flowers ; laſtly, the *Pe-
 “ rinæum* ſhould be relaxed by emollient Fomenta-
 “ tions.

“ 5. The Leaden Rods ſhould be nicely ex-
 “ amined, and thoſe laid aſide in which the ſlighteſt
 “ crack is diſcovered ; leſt, if they ſhould break
 “ in the *Urethra*, you ſhould be obliged to lay open
 “ the *Perinæum*, to take out the fragments.

“ 6. The Leaden Rods ſhould be introduced gra-
 “ dually, and with a light hand ; as we find by Ex-
 “ perience, that, if any violence is offered to the
 “ Obſtacles, or the *Urethra* too roughly treated,
 “ the Patient is ſeized with a ſudden Tremor, which
 “ is always ſucceeded by an intense ephemeral
 “ Fever.

“ 7. If an error of this kind ſhould be commit-
 “ ted, a Vein muſt be inſtantly opened, to prevent
 “ an inflammation of the *Urethra*, and neighbouring
 “ Parts.

“ 8. If the Patient ſhould be troubled with a
 “ *Dyſury*, or ſharp Pain, Anodyne Injections
 “ ſhould be thrown up now-and-then, made of the
 “ Decoctions of Mallows, Water-lillies, or Infuſions
 “ of Linſeed ; or you may uſe Cow's Milk warm, by
 “ itſelf,

“ itself, or diluted with Barley-water, or Emulsions
 “ of cold Seeds, with those of white Poppies and
 “ Henbane.

“ 9. If any Ulcers are caused in the *Urethra*, or
 “ there were some extant before, from whence Pus
 “ or Sanies is discharged, they may be deterged
 “ with an Injection of Barley-water and Honey of
 “ *Narbonne*, and cicatrized with —

“ Lastly, The Cure is to be closed by the Use
 “ of Asses or Cows Milk, or by drinking mineral
 “ Waters at the proper Seasons ; and if any Mucus
 “ or Sanies is still discharged, you are to use drying
 “ or astringent Injections.”

Notwithstanding the length of this Quotation, I have not thought proper to retrench any part of it, that those who are not near enough to me to make use of my Remedy, may at least be acquainted with all kinds of Palliatives : For the Leaden Probes are to be ranked under this Class, tho’ they should even be rubbed with Mercury, according to the Advice of *Paré*, with a view to dry up and cicatrize the Ulcers which his Escharotics leave in the *Urethra*, in the room of the Carnosities they consume. “ To
 “ this Effect, says he, you must get as large Leaden
 “ Probes as the Patient can bear, rub them with
 “ Quicksilver, and pass them into the *Urethra* over
 “ the said Ulcers, and leave them there Night and
 “ Day as long as they can be borne with. They dry
 “ up, cicatrize, and dilate the *Urethra* without pain,
 “ and prevent Ulcers from adhering to one an-
 “ other.”

But what credit can be given to his promises, when it is known, that a Salivation, which causes a great quantity of Mercury to circulate for a long while with the Blood, or mercurial Frictions on any particular Part, as on the *Perinæum* and *Penis*, or even the mercurial Ointment introduced into the *Penis* itself, are of no efficacy in the cure of Carnosities,

sities, or a Venereal Gonorrhœa ? The only certain effect of the Leaden Probes is, to dilate the Passage by pressing down the Obstacles which fill its Cavity ; and this palliative Method acts often very imperfectly, as repeated Experience teaches us, that the *Urethra* is sometimes liable to the same Obstructions soon after the removal of the Probe, and its Assistance becomes again necessary to procure a fresh Issue to the Urine.

By taking notice of this Method's being only palliative, I save the Reader the repetition of the Remarks I made on those of the same kind, which I have proved ill-adapted to the several Disorders which cause a Venereal Strangury. If, then, I am not absolutely against the Use of Leaden Probes, it is because a palliative Remedy, tho' imperfect, is preferable to being exposed continually to a mortal Ischury. However, I could wish, that those who have it in their Power to apply to me time enough to avoid the Danger of an Ischury, were to forbear the Use of them ; for a long Experience has taught me, that the Cure is protracted by it ; and it is easy to account for it. The continual or repeated pressure of such a hard Substance as Lead upon the Carnosities, renders their Texture more compact, and consequently harder to be penetrated by the active Particles of my Medicine. Thus the Service that accrues from the Leaden Probes, is attended at the same time with some Inconvenience. Let us conclude this Article with the Words of *Col de Vilars*, who, as we said above, prefers his Candles to them : “ Tho' Leaden Rods are pliable, they
“ are liable to break, which may happen while they
“ are in the *Urethra* or Bladder, by some sudden
“ Motion, or extraordinary Posture. If the end of
“ it was to break in the Bladder, it might serve as
“ a Nucleus for a Stone ; if in the *Urethra*, it
“ would be difficult to extract the Fragment. Be-
“ sides,

“ fides, tho’ Lead is a soft and pliable Metal, it is,
 “ however, much harder than the *Urethra* ; it may
 “ then bruise it, and give great Uneasiness.” It is
 certain, that my Candles are not liable to these In-
 conveniences. The natural Heat of the *Urethra* soft-
 ens them, without lessening any thing of their
 Size ; they accommodate themselves to all the dif-
 ferent Situations of the Body, and are in no danger
 of bruising the *Urethra* ; and yet the mere Contact
 of this yielding Substance is troublesome, at least
 for the first Days, to those whose *Urethra* is very
 sensible.

The Venereal Strangury of Women.

Tho’ Women are exposed as well as Men to the
 virulent Gonorrhœa, they are but rarely attacked
 with the Habitual Strangury : And the Reason of it
 is plain ; for, contrary to the Opinion of *Palsyn*,
 the Seat of the Gonorrhœa in Women is not gene-
 rally in the *Prostata*, as a light Survey of the
 Structure of the Parts will convince you. Ulcers
 arise commonly in those Parts only, which are im-
 mediately exposed to the Seminal Fluids tainted by
 the *Virus*. Now the *Prostata* are the least so of
 any ; the *Lacunæ*, or Glands of the *Vagina*, re-
 ceiving immediately the Seminal Fluids, are the
 most liable to be infected by the subtle Particles of
 the *Virus*, and after them the Glands of *Cowper*,
 which are situated near the *Anus* ; because their
 Ducts, terminating at the rise of the *Carunculae Myr-
 tiformes*, easily imbibe the *Semen* which flows out
 of the *Vagina* ; but the *Prostata*, or *Prostata*,
 which in Women embraces the *Urethra*, and dis-
 charges its Contents near the *Clitoris*, by two ex-
 cretory Ducts, is seldom liable to be infected ; its
 excretory Ducts, at most, may be soiled sometimes
 by a premature discharge of the *Semen* ; and even
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in this Case they are but slightly affected by it, as by the make of the Parts it runs off immediately. What I have said of the *Prostata*, is in a stronger manner applicable to the *Lacune* of the *Meatus Urinarius*, which have no communication whatsoever with the external Parts.

What I have said of the manner how the *Prostata* contract an Infection in Women, agrees with *Col de Vilars*'s manner of accounting for the Gonorrhœas of Girls that have not suffered Penetration, which Opinion is confirmed by the Seventh Case of the Second Part of this Edition. He expresses himself thus in his Lectures of Surgery, Vol. IV. " If a young Girl chances to have a Discharge like that of a virulent Gonorrhœa, attended with the same Symptoms, you may be well assured, that it is the same Distemper, and has been communicated by some Person labouring under Venereal Complaints. It very seldom happens, that a Girl is liable to the *Fluor Albus* before the Age of Puberty : Nevertheless we meet with Children of four, six, and eight Years old, who labour under virulent Gonorrhœas, without having been ravished, that is, without having suffered Penetration, and without the Hymen being torn ; but they had undergone some Violence and rough Usage from some infected Person."

Tho' Women are seldom attacked with an Habitual Strangury, we however meet with some instances of it, either by the *Virus* making its way into the *Prostata* by their excretory Ducts, or by the subtle Vapour of a Venereal Ulcer, situated in the *Vagina* in the neighbourhood of the *Prostata*, penetrating thro' their Substance, and infecting their Contents, which I judge very possible. *Astruc*, Book III. Chap. IV. says, " That he has seen Women labouring under the Strangury, in con-

“ sequence of Gonorrhœas, because the *Prostata*,
 “ enlarged and grown callous, streightened the
 “ *Urethra* by pressing upon it. I even once saw,
 “ says he farther, a Woman whose *Prostata* having
 “ undergone a Suppuration, and becoming fistulous,
 “ discharged themselves into the *Urethra* by lateral
 “ Sinuses, and often brought on the Strangury by
 “ the Sharpness of the Matter.” I have seen at
Milan Cases perfectly similar, as I have remarked in
 my Memorial to M. de Garelli.

When Women have the Misfortune to be in this Condition, my Method is still more necessary to them than to Men, as I have observed in my first Edition. To be convinced of this Truth, we need only consider the little Benefit which the Remedies hitherto known produce in them; they are even much less serviceable to them than to Men. As their *Urethra* is short and wide, the Urine comes away with greater Ease and Rapidity, and consequently can make but a slight Impression. The internal Remedies therefore, conveyed by the Urine, can act but weakly. Injections likewise, which are too commonly used in this Disease, are defective on the same account: It is impossible to prevent their coming away immediately; whereas in Men we retain them as long as we please: Besides, if the Seat of the Gonorrhœa is not in the *Urethra*, and I have remarked that it is but rarely so, the Remedies are hardly able to reach the diseased Part; whereas those which I use, act upon the Part itself; and however fordid the Ulcer is, or wheresoever it is situated, are attended with the same Success as in Men.

I will take notice, by the way, that nothing is more common than to confound a *Fluor Albus*, and a virulent Gonorrhœa: It is even sometimes very hard to distinguish them by the usual Symptoms; but I have a Criterion which never fails me. A Gonorrhœa,

rhœa, if it is of any standing, supposes the Existence of an Ulcer ; and the Inspection of the Parts is sufficient to discover it : And in this Case my Method will cure a Disorder, which otherwise is incurable.

I think I have dwelt sufficiently on the Remedies commonly used against the Habitual Gonorrhœa or Gleets. But as I have only made mention of the Effects of mine occasionally, and by way of Comparison, I dare say, that the Readers will be glad to hear from me something more particular concerning them. I will then satisfy their Curiosity, as as far as I can consistently, with the Silence I have enjoined myself as to the Composition of my Remedy.

Tho' I have studied and practised, with all possible Application, all the different Branches of Surgery in *France, Italy, and Germany*, and chiefly at *Milan, and Vienna in Austria*, where the Employ of Surgeon to the Armies and Hospitals of the late Emperor *Charles VI.* obliged me to reside, I will ingenuously confess, that I always made the Venereal Disease, and in particular those of the *Urethra*, my chief Study. I had long been convinced of the Inefficacy of the Helps commonly administered against the fatal Remains of Gonorrhœas ; and I confess, that my Discovery was owing to my despairing ever being able to cure a Person of Distinction, whose kindness towards me had wrought such a Sense of Gratitude in me, that I could have wished to restore his Health at the Expence of my own. I tried then so many Things, that the Disease was obliged to give way ; and tho' my Preparations had not then such a Degree of Perfection as I have brought them to at present, I was convinced, that I had discovered the Foundation of an infallible Method of Cure. I was further confirmed in this Belief, by repeated successful Trials made under the Inspection of the

most learned Physicians and Surgeons, and, particularly, Count *Garelli*, First Physician to the Emperor; and *Colli*, Physician to the Hospital for Black Negroes at *Vienna*. Being then fully convinced of the Goodness of my Remedy, and having made the first Trials of it in foreign Parts, I thought it my duty to let my own Country reap the benefit of my Discovery; and I resolv'd to set out for *France* from *Messina*. I landed at *Marseilles*, where I soon met with opportunities of practising: My great success soon invited thither an infinite number of Patients, and I had spent two Years very agreeably in that place, when *De la Peyronie*, who had always the publick good at heart, and was always zealous for the honour of the Profession, engag'd me to come to *Paris*, that it might be in my power to be more generally useful. I arriv'd there in the month of *September* 1745.

I follow, here, the Plan which I had long form'd; I give myself up wholly to the Disorders of the *Urethra*, without intermeddling with any other surgical Disease, unless some particular circumstances oblige me to break thro' this rule. This was my manner of acting at *Marseilles*, and long before my arrival in *France*; and, to judge of what service I have been to the Public, in this particular Branch, let the Reader set before his eyes near five thousand People, who have pass'd thro' my hands for Disorders of the *Urethra*, two thirds of whom would, very likely, have perish'd, without me, after the greatest sufferings, if we may give credit to those who had seen them before me. In so great a number, there are hardly two hundred but what have been perfectly cur'd; and these only miss'd of it by their Disease being complicated with some other, over which my Remedy has no power. You will meet with Instances of this in my third Collection of Cases: Some of them

them have dy'd, but always of some other Complaint, that was complicated with that of the *Urethra*.

Since my return into *France*, I have had under hand sixty-nine Officers, most of them of long standing in the service, some of whom had been oblig'd to retire out of it on account of their inability of continuing in it; and others must have done the same, tho' young, for the same reasons. There has dy'd but one of them; and *Rabours*, Doctor of the Faculty of *Paris*, and *Morand*, Surgeon, can certify, that he dy'd of a Disorder quite different from that which I undertake. He belong'd to the Regiment of *Xaintonges*.

This Officer's Case is not the only one where I have been glad of having it in my power to lay my conduct open before the Public; and this is my way of acting with those who apply to me: I make each Person write down an exact History of his Case, from the beginning of it to the time of his applying to me; which he is to sign: I ask him, If he has any Physician, or Surgeon, he can trust to; otherwise, I procure him one, to certify his Case: I then begin with him, and, when he is well, I get the Physician, or Surgeon, that was Witness to his Disease, to certify his Cure.

What surprises, most, the Gentlemen of the Faculty, and the Patients themselves, is, that I lay no particular Restraint upon their way of Living during the use of my Remedies, provided they are not very irregular. If I was to be directed by some Persons, who are distinguish'd by their Worth, I should begin, first, by confining them to the use of antivenereal Remedies; because the Disorders which I treat, owing their first Principle to a Venereal Cause, they imagine, that it must have spread itself into the Habit of Body, and produced a real *Lues*; or, at least, sown the Seeds of this Disease in such a manner, that my Remedies, being local, can never reach it. This

Objection has such a strong Appearance of Reason, that it deservedly calls for an Answer.

It is very certain, that some of my Patients labour under a general *Lues*; but this is not the case with the greatest number of them: It would, then, be very ill Practice, to make them all undergo a Salivation.

As for those that stand in real need of it, I am never liable to be mistaken: I never can cicatrize the Ulcers, which my Remedies have renew'd, as long as the venereal Poison circulates with the Blood. As soon as I take notice, that the Cure is protracted beyond its usual time, I conclude, that the Mass of Blood is infected; and I am never liable to error. In this case, I call in the known Specific to my assistance; after which, the Ulcer heals firmly.

But it sometimes happens, that the Venereal *Virus* makes some slight impressions upon the Habit of Body, without causing a confirm'd *Lues*: In this Case, such is the effect of the Suppuration brought on by my Medicines, that it is sufficient to clear the Body from those particles of *Virus* which had insinuated themselves into it. This is evidently prov'd by *Cases* 27. and 54. of my First Edition, which constitutes the First Part of this; and by *Cases* 49. and 84. Part III. of this Edition; and there is nothing uncommon in this: For tho' the pestilential Poison, undoubtedly, infects the whole Mass of Blood; it is, nevertheless, discharg'd out of it by the right Suppuration of a *Bubo* or *Anthrax*. The same thing happens to the parotid Glands, in other Instances: Why should not the Venereal Poison be discharg'd by one single Part also? I must, nevertheless, confess, that some People, to whom I had recommended a Salivation, not having follow'd my Advice, have suffer'd for it; but so as to be more frightened than hurt.

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Tho' it were always necessary to have recourse to a Salivation, I should be far from beginning with it the Cure of the Disorders of the *Urethra*: I have gather'd Knowledge, in this Particular, at the Expence of others: I have learn'd, from the relations of several of my Patients, that a Salivation is not only ineffectual to cure, or even relieve, the Disorders of the *Urethra*; but, on the contrary, is very prejudicial in them, as is always the Case, when the Mercury goes off by Urine; which is owing either to some particular Formation of the Parts, or to the Preparations that have been premis'd: But when once my Remedies have clear'd the passage of Urine, it is indifferent to me which Emunctory of the Body the Mercury affects; my Patients reap all its Benefit, without feeling any of its bad Effects. What I have said of Mercury, is to be apply'd to all the other Antivenereals which I use, according to the different Indications which arise.

No one, after this, can tax my Remedy with being merely empirical, which Odium several have endeavour'd to cast upon it; all my Patients know, that I have Sounds of different Effects, in the application of which Judgment is requir'd; Several Accidents arise, during the course of the Cure, whose nature I am acquainted with, and which I relieve. I know, besides, how to distinguish the different kinds of Obstacles which my Sounds meet with in the *Urethra*, which Knowledge I have acquir'd from my long use of them: I can't infuse the same Skill and Dexterity into others; but let them depend upon the truth of the following Remarks: When the Discharge of the Urine is preceded by that of Matter, without having us'd any Sound, we may take it for granted, that the Ulcer is situated in the *Urethra* itself; but when the Matter follows the Urine, it occupies either the Prostate Gland, or Bladder. These Diagnostics are easily accounted for: The Urine
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drives on before it whatever it meets with in its passage, and, consequently, forces out the *Pus*, which, when it follows the Urine, must proceed from some Part that has suffer'd a Contraction when the last Drop of Urine was squeez'd out; which happens to the Prostate Gland, at that time, from the action of its muscular Fibres; besides this, an obscure deep Pain is felt in *Perinæo*, upon Pressure. I take this Opportunity of declaring, that those who labour under Ulcers of these Parts, as also in the seminary Vesicles, will not reap any Advantage from my Method, its Efficacy reaching no farther than those Parts which can come into contact with it. My Sounds act, as I declar'd in the Preface to my First Edition, upon the excretory Ducts of all the Glands which discharge their contents into the *Urethra*; and this may often prove sufficient to clear the Glands themselves, and restore them to their natural State; But if the Ulcer, that is seated there, is of long standing, or of so virulent a nature as to have caus'd a great loss of substance; my Candles not acting beyond the Cavity of the *Urethra*, the Distemper admits then of no Cure. Happily for men, these Cases are rarely met with, since all sorts of Gonorrhœas, and their ill Consequences, always yield to me; which makes greatly for Dr. Cockburne's Opinion, that the *Prostatæ* and *Vesiculæ Seminales* are never the Seat of a Gonorrhœa.

These last-mention'd Circumstances are what puzzle us most in our Diagnostics and Prognostics of the Disorders of the *Urethra*: For when we meet only with Obstacles without any Suppuration, we know them, at once, to be owing to callous or fungous substances; and the knowlege of the Structure of the Parts easily teaches us what part of the *Urethra* is affected.

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I will put an end to these Reflections, perhaps carry'd on already to too great a length, by answering some Objections which have been made against me.

It has been said, that my First Edition was nothing but a printed Bill, whence no Instruction could be drawn; and that it was merely design'd to procure myself Patients.

I confess, that if the Disorder, which I treat, was not of a peculiar nature, it would be very ridiculous to advertise, that the Cure of it may be obtain'd from me: But I think the Case widely different; when I endeavour to make it known to all Men, that I can subdue a Distemper which is very common, and which all Authors look upon as incurable: For are the Persons affected indu'd with Divination? Another Reason that engag'd me to set about the First Edition was, that those that were not near enough to me to consult me, might be enabled to judge, themselves, whether their Disorders were of such a nature as to want my Assistance; which they may easily do, by comparing their Complaints with those of the Persons mention'd in the *Cases*. This is, undoubtedly, the best Method that can be taken; and yet it is not always sufficient to satisfy People of the nature of their Illness.

I confess, that I had no other View, in my First Edition, than those I have mention'd; and I still believe, that I should be working for the Good of the Publick, if I were to keep to the same Plan: But I have gone farther in this, as the perusal of the foregoing Reflections may have shewn you: And I am very confident, that no-body can now reproach me, with the least foundation, that my Labour tends only to procure myself Patients. For my Remedies are so well known in *France*, and in foreign Parts, that I am every day oblig'd to put off those whose Cases are not so urgent, to attend those who are in a greater need of my Assistance.

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But, besides, where would be the crime of aiming at procuring myself Patients? If it is my Interest, it is theirs also; since they receive Health from me, which they would, in vain, seek for anywhere else: And as there are People enough that endeavour to dissuade them from applying to me, why should I be deny'd the liberty of counterbalancing their endeavours to hurt me? These are the Speeches spread about to this end.

I am accus'd of not curing the Disorders of the *Urethra*, they being, in their very nature, incurable; that, if I do cure them, it is only for a time, and that they never fail to appear afresh; and that I am exorbitant in my Demands. I will end this Introduction, with answering all these Objections.

1. I do cure the Disorders of the *Urethra*. This Book is fill'd with no fictitious Cases, invented thro' Interest; they are all attested by the most eminent Physicians and Surgeons of *Paris*. It is, then, their Business to clear me from the first Accusation, which concerns them as much as me.

2. I challenge them to produce one single Patient, among those I have had under my care, that has ever had a Relapse, provided he labour'd under no Complication of Diseases. Many may be met with who, since their Cure, have contracted fresh Gonorrhœas; but my Remedy is not a Preservative: It is true, that this prevents our concluding, absolutely, that this Disorder never returns; but I answer,

(1.) That if the Cure was but palliative for a number of Years, yet my Patients would reap from it an inestimable Benefit; since they would, by that means, be deliver'd, for so many Years, from the continual fear of impendent Death, and from the violent Pains which attend this Disorder.

I say, (2.) That there is no danger of the Disorder's returning, as it is not by Pressure that I cure the callous and fungous substances of the *Urethra*,

tbra, but by bringing them to Suppuration, and detarging them afterwards, that I heal up the Ulcers, having first conquer'd whatever Poison may be lurking in the Blood: When the Cause is remov'd, the Effect ceases of course; and this is the reason why none of the Persons I had under my care at *Marseilles*, have been attack'd afresh with the same Illness; as appears by Mr. *Bertrand's* Letter, which is inserted hereafter.

3. As Life is in itself inestimable, it never can be bought too dear: I can even venture to say, that the exemption from Pain, tho' Life was no-ways in danger, is not less valuable. How high soever, then, my Demands were, I could not justly be tax'd with being overpaid. But I am far from behaving in this manner: I divide my Patients into three Classes; the Rich, the Poor, and the middle Class: I treat the Poor *gratis*; I always thought it my duty, and I hope I shall never swerve from this rule: I ask those of the middle Class what are their circumstances, and I proportion my demands accordingly. I can produce many Testimonies of this; and a Letter of Mr. *Restouble*, a Merchant of *Montpelier*, which was in one of the *Magazines*, is a strong Confirmation of it. According to this Plan, I might be intitled to exact a very considerable Reward from the Rich; but if it is natural, that they should make me Amends for the small Advantage I reap from my Discovery among the Patients of the second and third Class, I am conscious, at the same time, that it would be unjust to take the Advantage of their Condition to be exorbitant: I therefore ask no more of them than what good Operators are commonly paid for the capital Operations. A Value ought to be set upon my Remedies and Time, and I see no reason why I should not be equally rewarded with those whose Knowledge is common to them with several other Surgeons; while mine is peculiar to myself, and I am
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able to perform what no other Man can. But once more I say it, I always behave in such a manner to People of substance, as not to dishonour, by mean self-views, so noble a profession as that of Surgery; and this is so true, that a great number have carry'd their Gratitude much farther than I thought myself intitled to expect.

I have just a few Words to say, concerning the Cases here collected. You will first meet with an Abstract of those which were contain'd in the First Edition: I might have carry'd the number of them much farther; but the same thing has happen'd to me both at *Marseilles* and *Paris*; a great number of Patients, of both Sexes, have given me such substantial reasons to forbear having their Cases attested by a Physician or Surgeon, that I have been forced to acquiesce to them; nay, some have carry'd the mystery so far, as not even to make themselves known to me: These People I have never mention'd at all. But as all those I had undertaken at *Marseilles* were not cur'd when I publish'd my Cases, the Abstract of the First Edition is follow'd by many Cures which I could not insert in it; which, together with an Account of my Journey from *Marseilles* to *Paris*, constitute the Second Part of this Book. There would be nothing in this Journey interesting to the Public, if I was the only Object consider'd in it; but it becomes remarkable by the Cure of several People, who, without it, might have remain'd destitute of my Assistance.

The Third Part of this Collection deserves most your Attention, as it contains the most remarkable Cures that I have perform'd at *Paris*, every one of which is attested by one or more Physicians or Surgeons, who testify the condition of the Patients when they put themselves under my care, and after they came out of my hands. I do not well know what

what conduct must be kept, to give an Authority to any Relation, if this is judg'd defective.

These Remarks are follow'd by several Letters, of which I have been the Subject: The first is that of Mr. *Chicoyneau*, First Physician to the King, to Mr. *Bertrand*, Senior Physician of *Marseilles*; to inform himself of the truth of my Cures: The second is Mr. *Bertrand*'s Answer; the third a Letter of Mr. *Brubier* to Mr. *Manget*, Physician at *Geneva*; wherein he gives him an Account of several Cures which he had seen with his own Eyes. He rather chose to include all his Certificates in one Letter, than to give them separately. The fourth is a Letter of Mr. *Procope Couteaux* to Mr. *Chicoyneau*; and the last is the Answer to it.

To make every thing intelligible to the Reader, I have placed, at the end of these Remarks, a Representation of the Part which I work upon; and, afterwards, an Explication of all the Terms of Art which are met with in this Treatise.

A Letter of Mr. Chicoyneau, First Physician to the King, to Mr. Bertrand, Senior Physician of Marseilles.

S I R,

THE Obligation we lie under of inquiring, as much as lies in our power, into the efficacy of Methods or Remedies newly found out, and reputed specifick in certain Disorders, engages me to apply myself to you, who are distinguish'd in the Profession by an extensive Knowledge and Experience; and, at the same time, have had the best opportunity of informing yourself concerning the Method of Mr. *Daran*, Surgeon, in the treatment of fistulous Ulcers, Carnosities, and other Disorders of the *Urethra*. The great success he has already met with, since his
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coming into this Country, leaves us no room to call in question the goodness and efficacy of his Method and Remedies: The number of Cures of People of all conditions, which are perform'd, as it were, under our eyes, which are attested both by those who have felt the happy effects of them, and by Persons of learning and credit that have been witnesses to them, leave us no room to suspect the truth of them: But as our particular Conviction is not sufficient to draw after it a general Persuasion, which is, however, absolutely requisite, that all those that labour under the fore-mention'd Disorders may reap the advantage of Mr. *Daran's* Skill; being, moreover, inform'd, that several Members of the Profession, thro' interest and a mean jealousy, were doing all their endeavours to lessen his Credit, by spreading abroad that the Cures he had already perform'd were of no duration, or, to use the Term of Art, were not radical, so that the Persons pretended to be cur'd were every day in danger of a Relapse; I thought it our Interest, and that of the Publick, to do Mr. *Daran* the justice which is due to him, by the means of a Person of the Profession whose learning and integrity are generally known (which qualities, Sir, you can justly lay claim to); and to desire you to inform us, if the Persons he took care of at *Marseilles*, under your own eyes, and whom you was perfectly well acquainted with, are still in the same Condition they were in when he pronounced them cur'd; or whether they have relaps'd into their former Illness. I joyfully catch at this opportunity of renewing to you the Assurances of Esteem and Friendship with which I have always had the honour of being, Sir,

Your most humble, and

Verfailles,

Apr. 11.

1747.

most obedient Servant,

CHICOYNEAU.

Mr. Bertrand's Answer.

S I R,

I Undertake the Commission, you have honour'd me with, with so much the more pleasure, as it gives me an Opportunity of being an Assistant to you in the Scheme you have form'd of helping forwards the Advancement of Physick, and of declaring, publickly, the Merit of a Method which may be look'd on as new and specifick in the Disorders of the *Uretbra*. But, before I set about this Task, give me leave, Sir, to excuse myself for the slowness of my Answer. To keep close to your Intention; I thought myself oblig'd to get all the information myself, and in a great Town one cannot always meet with those we want to speak to: I have first sought after those Mr. *Daran* had taken care of in this Town; I have seen most of them; and, having inquir'd into their condition, they have all assur'd me, that they were perfectly well; that they have, ever since their Cure, made Water freely, and have no longer been liable to those terrible Suppressions of Urine which had so often endanger'd their Lives. As for those who I imagin'd would be unwilling to open their Cases to me, I either inform'd myself, by the means of their usual Physician, from whom they might be suppos'd to conceal nothing, or from some intimate Friend of theirs, who might be credited. They have all assur'd me, that they are perfectly well, that is, that the Passage of the Urine is free; and that they no longer live in fear of having it suppress'd. There is one Person, among these, who dates his Cure a great while before the rest, who, having try'd, in vain, all the means advis'd to him by the best Physicians and Surgeons, resolv'd upon going to Mr. *Daran* at *Naples*, where he then liv'd,
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and return'd from thence in perfect Health. A Cure that has lasted so many Years, seems to promise, that those he has perform'd here will not be less permanent. Some of these Patients, who labour'd under *Fistulas* occasion'd by the Suppressions of Urine, have got rid both of their *Fistulas*, and Obstructions of Urine. I have, myself, seen Mr. *Daran* act, with success, in other chirurgical Cases. Pleas'd, Sir, with the confidence you honour me with, I should esteem myself happy, if I could any ways deserve it; and I rejoice at this opportunity of renewing to you the assurance of the profound Respect with which I am,

S I R,

Your most humble, and

Marseilles,

May 22.

most obedient Servant,

1747.

BERTRAND.

A Letter of Mr. Bruhier, Doctor of Physick, Censor Royal of Books, and one of the Authors of the Journal des Sçavans, to Mr. Manget, Associate of the College of Physicians of Geneva.

S I R,

YOU have too great a regard for the good of Society, and especially for that which accrues to it from the Practice of Physick, to have let the Cures, perform'd by Mr. *Daran*, pass by unregarded. You are very sensible, that the Disorders of the *Urethra*, to which he intirely devotes himself, have always been a Stumbling-block to Surgery, tho' they have greatly ingross'd the Study and Application of the Professors of it: You know, also, that their success has not been answerable to their labour; and that
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if some few have been so happy as to obtain a Cure, the greatest number of them have remain'd in a doubtful state, continually hanging between Life and Death, forced to be indebted to Palliatives, only for a little release from the most cruel Torments, and to keep off the most dreadful Accidents. Happy, too, if the leaden Probes, and other helps of that nature, have been able to prevent the dreadful Misfortune of having the *Perinæum* bor'd through with *Fistulas*, or of being forced to procure them, to snatch themselves from the Arms of Death! for this never fails being the consequence, when the continuance of a Suppression of Urine forces us to have recourse to the Puncture or Incision of the *Perinæum*.

I sent you, at the time, the Letter of Mr. Boyer, Surgeon of *Montpelier*; wherein he gives a description of his Disorder and Cure, with the singular History of Mr. *Daran's* Journey from *Marseilles* to *Paris*. I made you a Promise, at the same time, to communicate to you whatever should come to my knowledge concerning his Method of Practice: I am now in a condition to satisfy your laudable Curiosity. The following things I have seen; invited, as several others, to be present at the treatment of his Patients.

The first who presented himself was a Dealer in Hog's flesh, of this Town, whom I had known a long while: He had labour'd under five Gonorrhœas, the last of which was attended with a Shanker on the *Præputium*, and pains all over his Body. A Salivation, which he had gone through, not having abated his difficulty of making Water, which was the most troublesome of all his complaints, he was seiz'd with a total Suppression, and was in this miserable condition when he came to Mr. *Daran*. He procur'd him a Discharge of his Urine immediately, and undertook his Cure. I have seen him, several times, at Mr. *Daran's*, congratulating him-
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self upon the happy Effects of his Remedies; and I met him, lately, holding the same language.

The Fate of another Patient I saw, at the same time, was much more to be pitied: One single Gonorrhœa, to all appearance a mild one, and treated very methodically, produced Obstacles in the *Urethra*, which were soon follow'd by so considerable a diminution of the Stream of Urine, that a total Suppression soon came on. Mr. *Daran* reliev'd him of this immediately, and in two Months and an half carry'd off several Excrescences, which obstructed the *Urethra*; and sent him away perfectly well.

The Case of a third Person, who came on purpose from *Nevers* to put himself under his care, has a great resemblance with the first of those I have related. He had contracted four Gonorrhœas, which, to all appearance, had been very well cur'd; nevertheless, eight Years after the last, he was seiz'd with a total Suppression, without being forewarn'd by any thing, which he felt nothing of again till four Years after: But being now liable to it upon the least irregularity, he began to think of striking at the Cause of it, which was an Excrecence and Ulcer near *Cowper's* Glands. He had been troubled with the difficulty of making Water for fourteen Years, when he apply'd to Mr. *Daran*: He was perfectly cur'd in two Months.

The following Case concerns me more than the preceding ones, as I was not a bare spectator of it. It is the custom of Mr. *Daran*, never to undertake any-body without their being previously examin'd by a Physician or Surgeon: I was the Person employ'd here, and I was acquainted by Mr. *L* that, having pass'd his time in the service, as is usual with Officers, he had contracted a Gonorrhœa with a Chordee, which he fancied he had intirely got rid of; but, some time after, without having run any
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fresh hazards, having even embraced a profession quite opposite to it, he was seiz'd with so considerable a Suppression of Urine, that it was not till after several means us'd that the Catheter was introduced. The same attempt proving unsuccessful in another attack, and being made acquainted, by his Surgeon, that his Disorder was owing to some Excrescences, that obstructed the *Urethra*, he came from *Lyons* to *Paris*, to put himself under Mr. *Daran's* care, who discover'd, near the *Caput Gallinaginis*, an Excrecence, which was so sensible, that the very contact of the Candle, pliable as it is, and in such dextrous hands as Mr. *Daran's*, gave him a great deal of pain. He set out, two Months after, making Water in a full Stream, and without the least pain.

These Cures, tho' very remarkable, are nothing in comparison of two which I have reserv'd for the last, the order of time being here of no signification. One is, that of one of the King's Interpreters; the other, of an Officer of distinction.

Eighteen Years had pass'd since the first had contracted a Gonorrhoea, which he thought himself well cur'd of; but four Years ago the Running return'd, tho' without pain; two Years after, his Water came out, with great heat; and the Discharge of it grew gradually so uneasy, that, at last, it came out only like a Thread, Drop by Drop, and with intolerable pain: The virulent Running still continu'd, and, to complete his misfortune, an Incontinency of Urine came on; the *Urethra* was obstructed at about half an inch from the beginning of the Glans, without there appearing the least lessening of its diameter on this side the Obstruction, which is a certain sign it was an Excrecence: This Excrecence gave room to the Urine to pass out but by a very small Opening, which the slenderest Probe could hardly enter. Mr. *Daran*, having shewn this Patient to several Physicians and Surgeons, dissolv'd the *Hypersarcosis*, which

was found to be near three inches long; after this, he discover'd an Ulcer near the *Prostatae*, which was deterg'd and cicatriz'd, and the Patient cur'd in three Months. I meet with him every day, enjoying a perfect state of Health. I am now come to the last Relation; and I will keep only to the principal Facts.

The Chevalier *De G.* . . . having had several Gonorrhœas, found the Stream of his Urine considerably lessen'd, and was afterwards liable to very dismal Suppressions: He apply'd, thereupon, to a Person who pretended to cure Carnosities, who pass'd into the *Urethra* a Caustic, which eat thro' it, and thro' the very Skin that serves as a sheath to the *Penis*: There result'd from it a very large *Fistula*, which, being situated betwixt the Obstacle and bulbous Part of the *Urethra*, procur'd, for twenty-three Years, a free passage to the Urine. " 'Tis a very ill Wind that blows no-body any Good," says an old Proverb. This Gentleman, having given over the pleasures of Love, had never thought of applying to Mr. *Daran*, if the Urine had continu'd to come out freely; but he had fresh miseries to undergo. The *Urethra* became obstructed betwixt the Bulb and the *Fistula*; and, Suppressions coming on, he was forced to prevent a Relapse, which might prove of fatal consequence. Mr. *Daran* began by attacking an Excrescence that was near the *Prostatae*; and, for the Information of several Physicians and Surgeons, whom he introduced successively, he made them behold, with their own eyes, a Carnosity which was between the *Fistula* and Glans, and contiguous to the *Fistula*, where it appear'd of the shape and size of a large Kidney-bean: He also attack'd this Excrescence with his Remedy, which yielded sooner than that which was near the *Prostatae*: This, however, gave way, at last, but not without a great deal of trouble; and the Patient, who must have been forced

forced to quit the Service on account of his Disorder, went and join'd his Regiment, making Water freely, and without pain. This Case was attested by Messieurs *Falconet*, Physician to the King in Consultation; *De Castera*, and *Boyer*, Physicians in Ordinary to the King; *Ferrein*, Professor Royal; *Combalusier*, antient Professor in the University of *Valentia*; and *Medalon*, Doctor of Physic.

It would be wronging your Penetration to make any long Reflections upon these Cases: They prove, contrary to the opinion of some eminent Physicians and Surgeons, that there are Carnosities; that Ulcers may exist for a long while in the *Urethra*, without giving any visible signs of their existence, being cover'd over with fungous or callous substances, or so wash'd by the Urine, that the *Pus* which they yield is carry'd off as it gathers upon them, before it has time to collect itself into visible drops: They shew, that Gonorrhœas are attended with much worse consequences than is commonly imagin'd, which are sometimes a long while before they manifest themselves; which they do, sometimes, when it is the least expected; which considerations ought to deter young People from indulging themselves in pleasures which cause afterwards so many tears: And they prove, that we are, at last, so happy, as to have found out a Remedy, which, till now, has been in vain sought after, to cure radically the fatal consequences which even the mildest Gonorrhœas, in appearance, draw after them.

For my own part, I look upon Mr. *Daran's* Discovery as the most important that has ever been made in Surgery; and I am surpris'd to see, that there are still some Surgeons, of merit, who keep back from his new Method the praises it deserves: I am in no doubt about using a term which I know is not quite agreeable to them; but I don't see how the appellation of a new Method can be refus'd to it, with any

reason or equity, when all those, on which it is us'd, certainly reap benefit from it. It is true, that it doth not cure other Disorders, that may chance to attend on those of the *Urethra*; but we are not to reproach the Inventor of not succeeding, in those Cases which his Remedy is not design'd for.

If you ask me, What I think of the solidity of his Cures? I shall answer, That, if we judge of what is to come by what is already past, we have not the least room to be uneasy, on that head: The assurances given by Mr. *Bertrand*, Doctor of Physic at *Marseilles*, to the King's First Physician, put this intirely out of doubt. Besides, as the Cause of the Disorder is carry'd off by Suppuration, there is no room to fear a Relapse; but if even this should be the case, is it not a great advantage to pass several Years free from the most exquisite pains, and to know where to have recourse, if there should be the least suspicion of a return? I could relate to you several Cases more curious, and more striking; but I choose to go no farther than I have seen. I am wholly,

S I R,

Your most humble, and

most obedient Servant,

BRUHIER.

A Letter wrote by Mr. Procopé, Doctor of Physick, to Mr. Chicoyneau, First Physician to the King.

S I R,

I See, by the Letter which you wrote to Mr. *Bertrand*, Physician at *Marseilles*, that your Zeal for the public Good engages you to get informations con-

concerning the Remedies and Method made use of by Mr. *Daran* in the Cure of the Disorders of the *Urethra*. On that account, I believe that you will receive favourably the Relation of some particular Facts which I have seen with my own eyes: And it is with the greatest pleasure imaginable that I do this justice to Mr. *Daran*. I will not take up your time in giving you an account of every Cure I have seen him perform, but only of two, which really struck me.

The first is, that of an Officer that Mr. *Daran's* Reputation brought to town: His *Urethra* was beset with so many Excrescences, or, if you please, Obstacles, that the Candle could not be introduced more than two fingers breadth: There was a scirrhus Tumor, that took its rise in *Perinaeo*, and ended at the *Fossa Navicularis*; at the root of the *Penis* was a fungous Swelling, which divided itself into four Branches, and at the extremity of each of them appear'd a small Opening, thro' which the Water always discharg'd itself; the Patient was, moreover, pale, thin, and very feeble, hardly able to walk; his Pulse was low and quick. This deplorable condition made me despair of his Cure, his Illness being, besides, of fifteen Years standing; and his Life, ever since the Gonorrhœa which was the first cause of his misfortunes, being nothing else but a series of venereal complaints, which came on the neck of one another. Happily for him, my Prognostic had no Influence over the Effect of the Remedies that were us'd for his Assistance! and it was an agreeable surprize to me, to see him, four Months after, enjoying a perfect state of Health.

I will end with the following History: A Merchant, of this Town, had, after a second Gonorrhœa, a small Running left, which lasted him twelve Years, without any sensible difficulty in making Water; but, last Year, he began to feel great Pain

and Heat, and a slimy Matter was discharg'd by the *Penis* and *Anus*; an Inflammation seiz'd on his private Parts, which requir'd six Weeks treatment to be carry'd off: The Urine, which came often only drop by drop, or in two streams, and always with Pain, was loaded, at the latter end, with a whitish Matter. Mr. *Daran* found, by searching, his *Urethra* full of *Hyperfarcoses*, and two hard Tumors, one bury'd in the *Scrotum*, and the other occupying the whole *Perinæum*: The first yielded by Suppuration; but the other requir'd the use of Mercury, administered at such distances, as not to bring on a Spitting. You may very well imagine, Sir, that this Cure took up time; but, at last, he was cur'd. And, in such circumstances as these, we may very well say, that time is not to be regarded.

These two Relations are, in my opinion, sufficient, of themselves, to conclude, that Mr. *Daran* is a singular Person in his way; and that the World is oblig'd to him for having, as it were, laid aside the Practice of the other Branches of Surgery, to devote himself wholly to the Disorders of the *Urethra*, which are but too common in these days, on account of the general treatment of Gonorrhœas, and the conduct of those that labour under them. This illustrious Surgeon has, by dint of Application, discover'd a Specific and Method, whose Efficacy can't be call'd in question, as they never miss being attended with Success: The more I reflect upon it, the less I am able to account for it, how some Persons, that are in possession of a well-deserv'd Reputation in Surgery, are still so rash as to oppose him, without ever being at the trouble of looking into Facts. As for my part, I was desirous of seeing; I saw, and am convinced: And yet I am not more credulous than others; on the contrary, I have always been mistrustful of Secrets: But I yielded to Evidence; and I should think my behaviour unjust, if I did not declare

declare openly what I have seen. I would here subjoin an Encomium on his Dexterity and Skill, if I knew how to praise; but this is not my talent: And we should undertake nothing, out of which we cannot extricate ourselves with honour.

You know, Sir, that he is about giving a Second Edition of his Observations, with an Addition of the most remarkable Cures which he has perform'd here. I was first averse to this Design; but, after some reflection, I chang'd my Opinion; and I think, that all imaginable means should be made use of to inform the Public, that a Specific has, at last, been found out against an Illness, that was, till now, look'd upon as incurable. I am, with the most profound Respect,

S I R,

Your very obedient,

Paris, Dec. 14.

humble Servant,

1747.

PROCOPE.

The Answer of Mr. Chicoyneau.

S I R,

I Saw, with pleasure, in the Letter which you did me the honour of writing to me the 14th instant, the two singular and surprizing Cures of total Suppressions of Urine, occasion'd by scirrhus, fungous, or fleshy Excrescences, which obstructed the *Urethra*, and were attended with fistulous *Sinuses*, thro' which the Water was discharg'd, and with callous Obstacles; which Disorders never could have been subdu'd by any other Person of the Profession, but by the eminent Mr. *Daran*. I should not have deferr'd giving you thanks for your obliging mindfulness in giving me such a well-drawn-up Account, where the hand
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of a Master of the Art is visible in every Stroke, if, to make you some Amends for your Trouble, I had not thought myself under an Obligation of informing you of a Fact, which is, indeed, of the same kind, as to the nature of the Disorder, but much more singular, with respect to the Cause that first produced it; and has continu'd it for these eight or ten Years. The necessity I was under of being instructed fully, by the Patient himself, of several circumstances which preceded and attended his last treatment, is the cause of my delaying, so long, my Answer.

Mr. *Maisonneuve*, one of the Grooms of the Wardrobe (who has no objection to having his name mention'd, as his Disorder was not owing to any venereal cause), having often, and almost daily, labour'd under very great difficulties of making Water, was, during that time, seiz'd several times with total Suppressions of Urine, which lasted several days with the most cruel Torture, and put his Life into imminent danger: He was at last rescu'd out of them, by discharging some stony Concretions, which were always preceded by a nephritic Colic: These Concretions coming down, with great Pain, through the Ureters into the Bladder, tho' very small, were stopp'd in the *Urethra* on account of their rough and uneven surfaces, which made them resemble the Seeds of Spinage, where they occasion'd such violent Irritations and Inflammations, that the *Urethra* was five times totally obstructed, and the Passage of the Urine prevented for several days together; and its Discharge could only be procur'd drop by drop, by the means of the Catheter, which always came out full of Blood, on account of the small Vessels which were lacerated by the uneven surface of the Stones. I forbear giving a particular Account of each Suppression, every one of which was very near carrying him off. But the last but one deserves a particular Regard, as the ragged Stone, which occasion'd it,

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was engag'd so far in the Passage, that they were forced to press the *Perinæum* with some roughness, to disintangle it from near the *Anus*, where it was lock'd in; by which means, it was brought forwards as far as the Glans: The Pains came on again, then, with such violence, that they brought on a most terrible Inflammation of the Part, which, being strangled by the *Præputium*, forced them not only to have recourse to the Operation for the *Paraphimosis*, but, also, to lay open the Nut in its whole length, to take out the Stone which caus'd the whole mischief, and which, being engag'd into the spongy substance of the *Urethra*, must undoubtedly have caus'd a great laceration the whole length of the Passage down to the Glans. We are now come to the last Fit of Suppression, which happen'd the 30th of last *October*, and had already lasted thirteen days, with the utmost violence, and the Patient could not have liv'd many Hours longer, if an eminent Person in the Profession had not recommended Mr. *Daran*. In six or seven days time, by the means of his Candles (which are of a singular Nature, and specific for these sort of Disorders), he procur'd a free Discharge of the Urine, which, on account of its long confinement, and a mixture of Blood and Matter, had acquir'd a very offensive Smell. He brought away, also, several little ragged Stones like the Seeds of Spinage, which were engag'd in the membranous substance of the *Urethra*, and exactly in that very place, where, by pressing strongly, some drops of Urine were squeez'd out. It is worth taking notice, that no other Operation was made use of, but the Introduction of the Candles which Mr. *Daran* generally uses: Ever since that time, the Urine has always come away in a full stream, and, in nine or ten days time, Mr. *De Maissonneuve* was even better in Health than before the formation of these stony Concretions.

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From this Example, and those which you have been so good as to communicate to me, and which you have seen with your own eyes, with many others, of this nature, which I have been inform'd of by Persons of the Profession, of known learning and probity, it is reasonable to conclude, that Mr. *Daran* has, at last, discover'd the Means of curing radically, and without any danger of a Relapse, the painful and dangerous Disorders of the *Urethra*, whether owing to fleshy, fungous, or scirrhus Excrescences, or to Stones, or Ulcerations, even when complicated with *Fistulas*; which, till now, were look'd upon as incurable: We therefore never can do too much Justice to Mr. *Daran*, on this Article; and you shall always find me ready to concur with you, Sir, in declaring, to the Public, his rare Talents and Skill in the treatment of these Disorders. This I would have you be fully convinced of, and that no one can be with more esteem than I am,

S I R,

Your most obedient,

Verfailles,

Dec. 25.

humble Servant,

1747.

CHICOYNEAU.

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Chirurgical Observations

ON THE

Disorders of the URETHRA.

PART I.

*Containing the most remarkable Cases of
the first Edition.*

THE Chevalier of ——— having heard a Gentleman mention me, whom I had cured in 1727. of a Complaint intirely similar to his own, came to me at *Naples*, in the Month of *April* 1737. He had been cruelly tormented for ten Years with a *Dysury*, the Consequence of several Claps, which he had never been able to get rid of, notwithstanding he had the best Assistance both at *Marseilles* and *Montpelier*. He had constantly a purulent Discharge, and his *Dysury* frequently degenerated into a total Suppression, which was, as is customary, attended with a violent Fever, great Restlessness, Tension of the lower Belly, a Reflux of Urine into the Mass of Blood,

Blood, which occasioned Faintness, Vomiting, sometimes a lethargic Disposition, at others, a Delirium, and many other terrible Symptoms, which exposed the Patient to imminent Danger ; and he had certainly died, if he had not had Youth, and a good Constitution ; but it would be Rashness to depend always upon them : The moral Certainty, that he must one time or other suffer for it, obliged him to apply to me ; and I was so happy as to carry off intirely, within two Months, two Excrescences : The first, which was flat and long, was situated towards the middle of the *Urethra* ; the other, near the *Verumontanum*, which was ulcerated, and supplied the virulent Discharge, which he had never been able to get rid of before his Application to me. It is to the Gratitude of this Gentleman, whom I found at *Marseilles*, in the Enjoyment of that Health which I had had the Satisfaction to procure him, that I owe the Confidence of my first Patients in that City.

2. M——, a Merchant at *Marseilles*, had been troubled for near twenty Years with a great Difficulty in making Water, a very virulent Discharge, the Remains of an old Gonorrhœa, and with a frequent Provocation to make Water, for which he had not been able to find any Relief. I cured him in one-and-forty Days of the two first Complaints, which were owing to two Carnosities, situated very near the *Verumontanum* ; but his frequent Inclination to make Water, proceeding from a Complication of a Disease of the Bladder and *Urethra*, remained in spite of my Remedies.

3. M——, a Counsellor of the same City was troubled with a continual *Dysury*, and frequently with a total Suppression, owing to a fungous Excrecence in the middle of the *Urethra*, and an Exulceration, with Hardness of the *Verumontanum*. He was cured in fifty-two Days.

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4. The Son of a Merchant of *Marseilles*, who had a Strangury, which had come on almost as soon as a Gonorrhœa which he had contracted almost three Years before, and who had likewise had several Suppressions, produced by two Carnosities, one in the middle of the *Urethra*, and the other near the *Verumontanum*, was cured in fifty-two Days.

5. An old Notary, of the same City, had been afflicted for fifteen Years with a Difficulty of making Water, which was frequently attended with very dangerous Suppressions: They were attributed to a Stone in the Bladder; but he was cured by my destroying a callous Carnosity that yielded no Discharge. This was the Work of forty-eight Days.

6. A Merchant of *Marseilles*, afflicted for twenty-five Years with a virulent Running, cruel *Dysury*, and a continual Discharge of his Water, and who had had several Suppressions, occasioned by a Number of callous Excrescences and fordid Ulcers in the *Urethra*, was restored to perfect Health in fifty-seven Days.

7. A Merchant's Son, of the same Place, had for several Years Suppressions of Urine, and an almost continual Strangury, from an ulcerated Carnosity, situated deep in the *Urethra*: His Water came generally in a Stream no bigger than a Thread. He was completely cured in forty-five Days.

8. I deterged, and perfectly healed in forty-six Days, a fordid Ulcer near the *Verumontanum*, which had occasioned very severe Pains, and a virulent Discharge for four Years, to M——, Officer of the Gallies.

9. In less than two Months I perfectly cured M——, a Merchant on the Key, who had been troubled for thirteen or fourteen Years with a Running, which had withstood a great Quantity of
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Medicines : It was occasioned by an Ulcer of the *Verumontanum*, and by several by the *Urethra*.

10. M——, employ'd in the King's Farms near *Marseilles*, was thought to have no other Resource for a Suppression of Urine, occasioned by several former Claps, and which threatened his Life, than the Puncture of the *Perinæum* ; but I had no sooner destroy'd some fungous Excrescences, cicatrized an Ulcer of the *Verumontanum*, and another which reached to the Prostate and Seminary Vesicles, than he was perfectly cured. This Cure cost me, indeed, four Months.

11. I cured, in fifty-eight Days, a Sea Captain in the sixty-fifth Year of his Age, of a cruel Strangury, which had afflicted him fifteen Years : It was occasioned by a callous Excrescence, the Consequence of several Gonorrhœas.

12. In fifty-seven Days I cured an antient Captain of Horse, who had laboured for about thirty Years under a great Difficulty of making Water, a virulent Running, an involuntary coming away of his Water, and severe Pains. These Symptoms were owing to fungous Obstacles, and sordid Ulcers in the *Urethra*.

13. I required a very little more than three Months to cure a *Dysury* of twenty Years standing in a Merchant of *Marseilles*, seventy-two Years old : It was occasioned by four sordid Ulcers in the Passage : He was in constant Pain, particularly in making Water ; and even in walking, stirring, or sitting down.

14. A Merchant of the same City was almost cured of several Excrescences, which had caused for fifteen Years a virulent Running, and, for ten, so great a Difficulty in making Water, that it came only Drop by Drop, and with great Straining, when a little Stone, brought down by the Urine, stopped in the *Urethra*, whence it was brought out

out in little Scales that stuck to my Probes. This Accident prevented the Patient from recovering in less than four Months and an half.

15. I cured in thirty-five Days, of a Difficulty of making Water, and virulent Running caused by an Ulcer, and callous Excrescences near the Prostates, a Merchant of *Marseilles*, who owed these Complaints to a Gonorrhœa contracted a long while before.

16. I cured, in fifty-eight Days, a Counsellor of the Parliament of *Aix*, of a Difficulty of making Water, of fifteen Years standing ; of a Venereal Running, of an older Date ; and a continual Discharge of his Water, occasioned by two Carnosities ; the one in the middle of the *Urethra*, and the other near the Sphincter of the Bladder.

17. A Person near *Marseilles* had been afflicted for many Years with a Retention of Urine, which he discharged only Drop by Drop : He had had a total Suppression, which continued three Days. These Complaints were owing to several Gonorrhœas, which had left in the Canal three Carnosities, and two Ulcers. He was perfectly cured in twenty-nine Days.

18. In forty-four Days I cured a Broker of *Marseilles*, who made Water only Drop by Drop, and with great Straining, in Consequence of a Gonorrhœa contracted four Years before, and which he had never been able to dry up. He had an Ulcer on the *Verumontanum*, and higher up a fungous Excrescence ulcerated likewise.

19. A Counsellor of the same City, judging by the Diminution of the Stream of his Urine, that he was threatened with worse Accidents, put himself under my Care. I found in the middle of the *Urethra* an Ulcer with callous Edges, and another towards *Cowper's* Glands. He was cured in thirty-nine Days.

20. In thirty-seven Days I cured a purulent Gleet, the Remains of a Clap contracted nine Months before ; but this was the only Symptom which remained.

21. A Person born at *Marseilles* had an obstinate virulent Running, frequent Irritation to make Water, which was attended with great Heat, and came out like Water from a Watering-pot, and left in the *Urethra* a sharp Sensation of Pain, which lasted till every Drop of it was come away ; a painful Tension from the Seat of the Disease to the Extremity of the *Glans* ; upon Motion his Water became muddy, yellow like Saffron, and often fetid. I found in the *Urethra* an Ulcer, and fungous Excrecences, that were flat and long, between the excretory Ducts of the Seminal Vesicles, and those of *Cowper's* Glands, which an Infinity of Remedies, administered by the most skilful Hands, had not been able to subdue. The Success of my Remedies, applied between forty and fifty Days, was so great, that I thought my Patient just well, when I found another Ulcer nearer the Bladder. A Month's Suppuration seemed to have deterged it, when I observed a great Quantity of fetid Matter to issue with the Urine, supplied by Sinuses which were beyond the Reach of my Remedies. He was, in consequence of this, liable, at times, to very violent Heats of Urine, as often as the *Pus* was collected in a sufficient Quantity to empty itself into the *Urethra*. He used several Remedies, and particularly the Waters of *Aix* in *Provence*, which almost stopt the purulent Discharge, and left but little Pain, with an Incapacity of holding his Water more than two Hours at a time : But besides the Complaints, I suspected he had a Stone in the Bladder ; for which he was cut afterwards. This Observation proves, that the Action of my Remedy goes no farther

farther than the Parts it touches ; nor do I pretend to attribute more virtue to it.

22. I cured, in sixty-five Days, a Person considerable for his Rank and Birth, who had, in consequence of a Clap formerly contracted, a Gleet very small indeed, but always attended with Pain in the *Urethra*. This Complaint was owing to several little sordid Ulcers.

23. In forty-eight Days I cured a sordid Ulcer in the middle of the *Urethra*, occasioned by an old Gonorrhœa, which was not intirely stopt, and was still attended with a little smarting Pain.

24. I was near three Months in curing a Callosity situated in the middle of the *Urethra*, and an Ulcer near the Prostates, in an Officer of Dragoons of the City of *Aix*, who, in consequence of these Disorders, had been troubled with a Dysury for fourteen Years. They were owing to several Gonorrhœas ill treated.

25. The Son of a Merchant of *Marseilles* had a Running for above a Year, which, he was told, was a simple Relaxation of the Vessels, which would insensibly recover their Tone : But having convinced him, that his Discharge was the Effect of an Ulcer, he chose rather to make use of my Remedies than take up with these Words of Course, which are generally the last Shift of those who have gone in vain thro' the usual Forms ; and he was accordingly cured in forty Days.

26. I cured, in thirty-eight Days, a Taylor of the same City, of a Carnosity near the *Verumontanum*, and of an Ulcer situated a little beyond it. These were the Relics of an old Gonorrhœa, which constantly supplied a purulent Matter : He had several Attacks of a Strangury, and even an Ischury, which had like to have proved fatal.

27. One of the best Cures which I had yet performed, and which drew the Admiration of the most

declared Enemies of my Method, was that of an Hatter of *Marseilles*, who, in consequence of a Gonorrhœa which he could not get rid of, had Obstacles that intirely stopt up the *Urethra*. These Obstacles had caused the Urine, with a mixture of virulent Matter, to force itself unnatural Passages; whence had resulted a Fistula in the middle of the *Perinæum*, two more near *Cowper's* Glands, a fourth in the upper Part of the Scrotum, which terminated obliquely in the *Urethra*, and a fifth among the sebaceous Glands of the *Glans*: The Urine discharged itself intirely thro' these Fistulas, not a Drop coming the natural Way: He had, besides, a large scirrhus Tumour on the upper Part of the Scrotum, that extended itself along the *Penis*, in which it occasioned a Strangulation. I promised the Patient to clear the *Urethra*; but, as to the Fistulas, I did not engage to cure them, but in case they had no lateral Sinuses out of the Reach of my Remedies: They operated so well, that in forty Days he made Water in a full Stream; and in about a Month more the five Fistulas were intirely cicatrized, and the Patient was perfectly well. This Cure gave me a great inward Satisfaction; and he on his Side carried his Gratitude so far, that he published it aloud, notwithstanding the reluctance one must naturally have to a public Confession in Cases of this Nature.

28. *M*——, too well known at *Marseilles*, from his Situation in Life, to descend to any Particulars, consulted me, out of Curiosity, about a pretended Relaxation of the Vessels, remaining from a Gonorrhœa which he had contracted at eighteen Years of Age, which occasioned a constant and abundant Discharge: Having searched him, I found, from the Sensibility of the Part, when the Candle touched it, that there was a considerable Ulcer near the *Prostatæ*. He was radically cured in forty-eight Days.

29. A foreign Merchant, but who had been long settled at *Marseilles*, in the same Circumstances as the preceding Patient, was equally fortunate, by recovering perfectly in forty-nine Days.

30. A Sea Captain, who had contracted a Gonorrhœa in *America*, which kept running only eight or nine Days, came to *Marseilles* with an Heat of Urine, which seized him immediately upon the Suppression of the Running, a great Tension all along the *Urethra*, sharp Pains upon the least Erection or Bending of the *Penis*, and a Difficulty of making Water. I found an Ulcer at the Entrance of the *Urethra*, and another much more considerable, near the excretory Ducts of the Seminal Vesicles; The latter was attended with so considerable a Swelling, that, independently of the Pain upon the Contact of the Sound, I could not go beyond it. My first Care was to bring back the Running, which was very plentiful and green for about thirty or forty Days; at which time I changed the Sounds, the virulent Matter grew white, and at last stopt; but not before three Months, by reason of a Cold he caught, which obliged me, in the Use of my Remedies, to use some Cautions which had otherwise been needless.

31. A Merchant of *Marseilles*, not being made easy by the Answers that were given him concerning a constant Gleet, which he laboured under ever since a Gonorrhœa contracted three Years before, and knowing that I held a quite different Language upon that Subject, communicated his Case to me. I found two Ulcers in the *Urethra*, and cured him in fifty-two Days.

32. I cured, in fifty-four Days, a sordid Ulcer a Finger's breadth on this Side the *Verumontanum*, the Remains of an old Clap, which every now-and-then caused a slight Inflammation and shooting Pain in the inside of the *Penis*.

33. This Case presents you with a Gonorrhœa of no long standing, contracted at *Lyons*, where the Patient could not meet with a Cure : There remained, besides the Running, a Swelling of the *Li nes* of a Walnut in the middle of the *Penis*, where it caused a Strangulation. My Sounds melted this Swelling, opened it on the Side of the *Urethra*, and cured the Solution of Continuity in forty-eight Days.

34. I searched a Patient, the Stream of whose Urine, for twenty Years, had not exceeded the Bigness of a Thread, and often came Drop by Drop : He had every now-and-then a Suppression, and a continual Running. I found two fungous Excre-scences ; one in the middle of the *Urethra*, and the other near the *Verumontanum*, which was ulcerated. He was made intirely well in fifty-eight Days.

35. A Gonorrhœa in an Officer of the Gallies had withstood, for a Year, a Diet upon White-meats, mercurial Frictions, and a Variety of other Remedies. He had a very malignant Ulcer on the excretory Ducts of *Cowper's* Glands, which I cured him of in three Months and a half, being very irregular in his Way of Living.

36. The Nephew of a Farmer General had lately brought from *Paris* a virulent Discharge, which had withstood, for fifteen Months, all imaginable Remedies : He was in the same Case with the preceding, and was cured in forty-three Days.

37. A Baker, near fourscore, was willing to pass the Remainder of his Days in Peace, which he had not been able to enjoy for twenty-five Years, on account of a *Dysury*, which was so considerable, as frequently to degenerate into an *Ischury* : Upon searching him, I found two Callosities, the first of which almost stopped up the *Urethra* : It was situated in the middle of it ; the other, which was less,

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was near the *Verumontanum*. I cured him perfectly in fifty-two Days.

38. A Gentleman of *Marseilles*, aged near fifty, consulted me about a Difficulty of making Water he had been troubled with above thirty Years : He had then had a Fall upon the *Perinæum*, which had ruptured some Blood-vessels, and caused him often to make bloody Water ; he discharged likewise Blood by the Mouth ; he had also a purulent Gleet of about the same standing, but so inconsiderable, that he took very little notice of it. Having searched him, I found, two Fingers breadth on this Side the *Prostata*, a very hard Cicatrice, which almost filled up the *Urethra* ; it was two Inches long, and when it swelled, occasioned every now-and-then a Suppression. I had the Satisfaction to cure him in sixty-three Days.

39. The Count of ———, of an illustrious Family, had neglected, for thirty Years, a Gonorrhœa, whose Consequences became terrible ; he had a constant Running ; the Stream of his Urine diminished daily ; his Difficulty and Pain in making Water became excessive ; he had been several times in great Danger by Suppressions ; he had been even obliged at *Paris* to submit to the Puncture of the *Perinæum* to save his Life. This Operation had left a Fistula, and the *Urethra* was intirely stopped up. The virulent Matter having no longer a free Passage thro' the *Urethra*, flowed back towards the *Anus*, and formed an Abscess near *Cowper's* Glands ; this Abscess burst, and formed another Fistula : The Journey which he then took to his own House, occasioned new Abscesses, which produced so many new Fistulas ; so that when I saw him, I found the *Urethra* intirely stopped up, and five Fistulas in the *Perinæum*, with scirrhus Edges, through which the Urine flowed indifferently. I subdued all his Complaints, complicated as they were. The Parti-

culars are to be seen in Mr. *Joyeuse's* Letter, at the end of the First Part; and I am persuaded, that the Reader will be surpris'd at this Gentleman's being perfectly cur'd in less than five Months.

40. A Merchant of *Marseilles* had a little yellowish Gleet from a Clap contracted seven Years before. Fearing lest his *Dysury* should degenerate into an *Ischury*, he apply'd to me; and I cur'd him in fifty-one Days.

41. I cur'd, in thirty-nine Days, a Gentleman of *Avignon*, of a Running of two Years standing, owing to a Clap contracted at *Paris*. He had been inform'd, that this Discharge proceeded from an Ulceration of the *Prostata*, and was incurable. I only found an ulcerated Induration near the *Verumontanum*.

42. An Attorney of *Marseilles*, from several Claps ill cur'd, had the *Urethra* intirely beset with fungous Excrescences, which, hindering the free Discharge of the virulent Matter, had occasion'd two fistulous Ulcers. Having destroy'd the Excrescences which were situated about the middle of the *Urethra*, I found all the rest of the Canal ulcerated: Notwithstanding these melancholy circumstances, which the bad Constitution of the Patient render'd still worse, I cur'd him in three Months and an half.

43. A Seller of Limonade, who had been long settled at *Marseilles*, had been troubled for twenty-five Years with a Gleet, which no Remedy had been able to stop, and a diminution of the Stream of his Water, which had occasion'd several Suppressions, which had always brought him to Death's Door. He had in the *Urethra* three fungous Excrescences, the two first at the entrance of the Canal, and the third towards the *Prostata*. In fifty-one Days I made him perfectly well.

44. A Receiver of the King's Farms, living near *Marseilles*, had been troubled for eighteen Years with

with a very cruel *Dysury*, and for two with a Running, in consequence of a Clap. I found in the Canal two callous Excrescences, at two inches distance from one another, and an Ulcer near the *Verumontanum*. He was cur'd in sixty-two Days.

45. In forty Days I cur'd a Merchant of *Mar-seilles* of a Gonorrhœa of between eighteen and twenty Months standing, and of a pricking Pain in the *Urethra*; both which were owing to a little Ulcer, which I deterg'd and cicatriz'd.

46. In thirty-eight Days I intirely cur'd a very virulent Gonorrhœa, of two Years and an half's continuance, which was caus'd by an Ulcer on the excretory Ducts of the feminal Vesicles.

47. I was sent for to a Person employ'd in the Farms, labouring then under a violent Suppression, attended with the usual Symptoms. It was occasion'd by an excessive Swelling of a spongy Flesh situated in the middle of the *Urethra*, which gave way to the least touch of the Sound, and was the effect of a Gonorrhœa, which had been so well treated, twelve Years before, that the Patient had never perceiv'd any thing from that time. I began by letting out the Urine, and afterwards destroy'd the Cause of the Suppression in less than thirty Days.

48. An Inhabitant of *Aubagne*, from a second Gonorrhœa, which he could not get cur'd, the Running remaining always as considerable and ill-condition'd, was troubled with a *Dysury*: The Stream of his Urine did not exceed the bigness of a Thread, and he often made it drop by drop. He was freed from these Complaints, by my restoring to its natural state the *Verumontanum*, which was indurated and ulcerated: This was done in forty-two Days.

49. A Native of *Champagne*, who had been some time settled at *Mar-seilles*, had, from a second Clap contracted at *Lyons* in 1739. a Running, Pains, and a diminution of the Stream of his Urine, which frequently

quently came only drop by drop, and a frequent *Tenesmus*. His Running was stopp'd at *Marseilles*, but his *Dysury* increas'd, and he had frequent Suppressions. I found the *Urethra* ulcerated in many places, and fill'd with fungous Flesh, which was very sensible. He was perfectly cur'd in fifty-six Days.

50. Mr. who came to *Marseilles* after the Siege of *Coni*, had a Clap three Years before, which he could not get cur'd for a Year, till he had recourse to astringent Injections; soon after, he felt violent pricking Pains in the *Urethra*, and a tetters Eruption appear'd on one side of the *Penis*, and that side of the *Scrotum* which corresponded with it. To this Tetters, which caus'd a violent Itching, and even Pain, he us'd an infinity of Remedies, to no purpose: I found in the *Urethra* a very foul Ulcer, over-against the part opposite to the Eruption, which, together with the other Symptoms, was carry'd off in four Months time.

51. I was sent for to a Patient who had labour'd under a total Suppression for three Days, attended with the usual Symptoms: This was not the first Attack of this sort: It proceeded from a *Dysury* owing to a Clap contracted in 1739. A Gleet remain'd, in spite of all the Remedies us'd to suppress it: He had gone thro' a Salivation, which is always useless in such Cases. The Patient, tir'd out with so many fruitless Remedies, apply'd to me: After I had examin'd him, I began, by letting out the Water by the means of a mild Sound. I then set about eradicating the Cause, which was an Ulcer in the seminal Vesicles, and Caruncles near the *Verumontanum*; and the Patient was perfectly cur'd in forty-one Days.

52. A few Days after, I treated a Person under a difficulty of making Water, which he suppos'd quite independent of an old Gonorrhoea, as that had been carry'd off a long while before, without his feeling any thing from it afterwards; but finding, near the
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Prostata, a round and spongy Excrescence, which almost fill'd up the Canal, I destroy'd it in fifty-two Days, and the *Dysury* ceas'd.

53. A Captain of a Trading Vessel had been troubled, for twenty Years, with a *Dysury*, from a Clap contracted three Years before, that was owing to callous Excrescences situated near *Cowper's* Glands; I likewise found a little Ulcer on this side of them, which was easily discover'd, both from the sensibility of the Part when I introduced the Candle, and the virulent Discharge which follow'd. Tho' this Person had been told that my Sounds were caustic, and would give him a great deal of Pain, he thought fit to keep them in between ten and twelve Hours, and, by these means, was made perfectly well in fifty-two Days.

54. This Relation contains one of the most extraordinary Cures I had yet perform'd. A Perfumer, of *Avignon*, consulted me concerning a retention of Urine which he had labour'd under for above thirty Years: Upon examining him, I found two *Fistulas*, at a little distance from each other, in the middle and inferior part of the Hypogastric Region; a third on the right side of the *Penis*, obliquely tending to the *Urethra*; a fourth in *Perinaeo*, a Finger's breadth from the *Anus*; and a fifth very near the last, leading towards the *Scrotum*: The Urine came indifferently thro' all these *Fistulas*. This was not all; the Patient had two hard Swellings, one on each side of the *Penis*; a third in the inferior part of the *Scrotum*, with several Pustules; and, lastly, a *Phimosis*, occasion'd by an Hardness all round the Prepuce. Mr. *Joyeuse*, Physician Ordinary to the Gallies, who attended the treatment, was surpris'd, equally with myself, at the rapid success of my Remedies: In forty Days the Patient was in a condition to return to *Avignon*, where his friends would not believe him; but he convinced them of the truth of his Cure, by making

making them examine the Parts that had been diseas'd, and by the ease he discharg'd his Water with thro' the natural Passage, in their presence.

55. A Merchant of *Marseilles* complain'd of a pricking Pain within the *Urethra*, and a very painful Eruption on the right side of the Root of the *Penis*. He had us'd several Remedies, to no purpose, for these Complaints, which he did not look upon as the consequence of an old Gonorrhœa, which had stopp'd during the use of Medicines; but, having demonstrated to him, that there was an Ulcer in the *Urethra*, opposite to the Eruption, and pricking Pain, he put himself under my care, and was cur'd in sixty-seven Days.

56. A Domestic of Count *Piles*, Governor and Judge of *Marseilles*, had a Strangury and virulent Running for several Years, owing to two Gonorrhœas. He had suffer'd several Suppressions. In forty-nine Days I perfectly destroy'd two Caruncles in the *Urethra*, and heal'd an Ulcer of the same Part.

57. A Gold Wire-drawer, of the same City, had been liable to Suppressions for eighteen Years, and to a constant Strangury, which render'd him incapable of following his Business; he had also a constant Gleet, which no Remedy had ever been able to suppress, and which he rather chose to attribute to his having been too free with *Flemish Beer*, than to a Clap. It proceeded from a hard and ulcerated Caruncle, two fingers breadth on this side the *Verumontanum*. I cur'd him in sixty-six Days.

58. A Captain of a Trading Vessel, who had never gone through a regular Course for several Claps, which he had contracted upon the Neck of one another, on account of his being oblig'd to make long Voyages while he was under Cure, was seiz'd with Suppressions, which, in time, became very frequent. I search'd him, and found the *Verumontanum*

tanum intirely scirrhus, and in the middle of the *Urethra* a deep Ulcer, whence proceeded a constant Running. He was radically cur'd in sixty-one Days.

59. In fifty Days I destroy'd an ulcerated Excrescence in the middle of the *Urethra*, and heal'd a second Ulcer, near the *Verumontanum*, which had occasion'd, in a Sea-Captain of *St. Malo*, for several Years, a Strangury and virulent Running, owing to several Gonorrhœas that had been ill treated.

60. I found a fordid Ulcer, very near the *Verumontanum*, in a Merchant of this City, who, in consequence of a Clap, ill treated, had a pricking Pain in the *Urethra*, the Stream of Urine lessen'd, a Weariness and uneasy Sensation throughout his whole Body, and wasted visibly: These Complaints yielded, the Ulcer was deterg'd, and he was well in fifty-two Days.

61. A Person belonging to Mr. *Calas*, Director-general of the Farms in *Provence*, was not so fortunate, not being master of his own time: However, I cur'd him of a *Dysury*, and constant Running, proceeding from a Clap, which had caus'd an Induration and Ulceration of the *Verumontanum*.

62. An Officer, of the Regiment of *Tournaisis*, had ineffectually taken several Medicines, us'd mercurial Frictions, and some pretended specific Drops, for a Clap, without stopping a Running; which now gave him the more uneasiness, as the Stream of his Water sensibly lessen'd. I was more successful than those who had treated him before me; for I perfectly cur'd him in two Months.

63. I cur'd an Officer of the Gallies of an obstinate Gleet of several Years continuance, which was owing to two fordid Ulcers in the *Urethra*, in forty-three Days.

64. A Person of *Avignon*, of a melancholy disposition, had been salivated for an Infection he imagin'd

gin'd himself to labour under on account of some wandering Pains throughout his Body, and some other little Complaints which came on after a Clap, which seem'd to have been cur'd long ago. When I saw him, he complain'd only of an obtuse Pain, now-and-then, in the *Urethra*; and that his Urine was sometimes fork'd. I found three sordid Ulcers; the first in the beginning of the *Urethra*, the second in the middle, and the third on the excretory Ducts of the seminal Vesicles. I had the good luck to heal them in forty Days.

65. A Merchant of *Marseilles*, having us'd Remedies, to no purpose, during fourteen Months, for a virulent Running, and not being able, at last, to have it stopp'd but by astringent Injections, which did not cure a *Dysury* which was almost of as long a standing as the Clap which gave rise to it, came to me, notwithstanding the Pains that had been taken to prevent him from it. I found nothing in the *Urethra* but little Ulcers, which form'd, as it were, a painful Tetter, which furnish'd only little Filaments that floated in his Urine. My Remedies having brought on a plentiful Suppuration, he was entirely cur'd in 67 Days.

66. The good Fortune that Mr. had met with in getting cur'd of four Gonorrhœas, if that deserves the name of a radical Cure which still leaves a Smarting in the *Urethra*, encourag'd him to run twice the same risque; but he was not so fortunate the second time: His Complaints were of an obstinate nature. Besides a deep and sordid Ulcer near *Cowper's* Glands, I found in the *Urethra* several other Ulcers, less considerable: The Patient was longer, upon this account, than usual, in obtaining a Cure; which was three Months in bringing about.

67. A Merchant's Son of *Marseilles*, aged twenty-two, in consequence of Injections to stop a virulent Running, had perceiv'd for eight Years a slight Pain
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in the *Urethra*, with a diminution of the Stream of his Urine, which often came out fork'd: This was his condition when he contracted a second Gonorrhœa, which he could not get stopp'd. I cur'd him by deterging three fordid Ulcers in the *Urethra*, and bringing to Suppuration an Excrescence near the *Prostata*. This was the work of fifty-three Days.

68. A Person afflicted for sixteen Years with a *Dysury*, which had succeeded to a greenish Running, with great Pain in Erektion, and a *Phimosis*, caus'd by the Acrimony of the Matter, having found relief by a simple Ptisan of Linseed, was much frighten'd at the appearance of a considerable Hæmorrhage, occasion'd by a strong Erektion, which tore the *Urethra*. Upon using astringent Injections, the Stream of his Urine lessen'd, and he was subject to a frequent inclination of making Water; he had afterwards several Gonorrhœas, attended with Inflammations of the *Scrotum*, that left an obstinate Hardness in both Testicles: The Discharge and Heat of Urine constantly remaining, he had several Suppressions, which oblig'd him to apply to me. I found in the middle of the *Urethra* a flat Excrescence, and a fungous Ulcer near the *Verumontanum*. He was intirely cur'd in forty-two Days.

69. A Musician of *Marseilles*, fearing the consequences of a Running, consulted me. I found the excretory Ducts of the seminal Vessels slightly ulcerated. His Cure was easy; and was, accordingly, completed in thirty-nine Days.

70. I found two fungous Ulcers, one in the beginning of the *Urethra*, and the other at the excretory Ducts of *Cowper's* Glands, both surrounded with fungous Flesh, in an Officer of the Battalion of Militia of *Castelnaudary*; who, in a second Clap, had his left Testicle much swell'd, and little Pustules scatter'd all over his Body. I began with the Testicle and Pustules: The Tumor was dispers'd in four
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Days, by some Bleedings, and an Application of camphorated Spirit of Wine, Lime-water, and a Solution of Soap. Mercurial Frictions, repeated at considerable distances, made the Pustules disappear; and my Sounds completed the Cure in sixty and odd Days.

71. A foreign Merchant, settled at *Marseilles*, was ineffectually salivated for a *Dysury*, which a *Gonorrhœa*, contracted four Years before, had brought on: It was now growing worse, and attended with a fordid Ulcer in the Tonsils. I found in the middle of the *Urethra* a flat and long Excrecence of two Fingers breadth: I attack'd, at the same time, both Ulcer and Excrecence, and cur'd them both in forty-five Days.

72. In forty-two Days I destroy'd two round Excrecences, one at the entrance of the *Urethra*, and the other near the excretory Ducts of the seminal Vesicles, which had occasion'd, for six Years, Retentions of Urine, which were often total: They were owing to a *Gonorrhœa*, stopp'd by astringent Injections.

73. I cur'd in fifty-six Days, of an inveterate Gleet, and a cruel *Dysury*, which threaten'd an approaching Suppression (the Water often coming away only drop by drop), a Mercer of *Marseilles*, who had the excretory Ducts of *Cowper's* Glands ulcerated, and surrounded with spongy Flesh.

74. In the Year 1717. a Person had a violent Suppression, from a *Dysury* occasion'd by a fourth Clap, which no Remedies could get the better of. His Urine was suppress'd upon the least Excess, and he was afflicted with the same Pains as before. I found, four Fingers breadth within the *Urethra*, an Excrecence and a spongy Flesh ulcerated, near the *Verumontanum*, altho' both these Disorders were very hard to be discover'd. I cur'd him in forty-six Days.

75. I was near four Months in destroying an ulcerated Wart, which caus'd a very virulent Running, and troublesome Strangury, for six Years, to a Mason. It hinder'd him from following his Trade. His Cure was longer about, because his condition did not permit him to observe an exact and suitable Regimen.

76. A Person, considerable for his Rank and Birth, had not been able to stop a virulent Running, occasion'd by a second Clap. I found in the *Urethra* three different Ulcers, the first at the beginning of the Canal, the second a finger's breadth on this side the *Verumontanum*, and the third at the excretory Ducts of the *Prostata*. He was intirely cur'd in forty-four Days.

77. The Son of a Merchant of *Marseilles*, after a pretty slight treatment for some Chancres and Warts, perceiv'd a pricking Pain in the *Urethra*, and a *Dysury*, which daily grew worse; he was troubled, besides, with frequent Head-achs, considerable Lassitudes towards Evening, a sickness at Stomach, and want of Sleep. I found three Ulcers in the *Urethra*, two about the middle, and a third, with fungous Flesh, near the *Verumontanum*. He was cur'd in forty-five Days.

78. A virulent Discharge, for which Medicines had been ineffectually administred for a Year, gave way at last; but was soon re-implaced by a Smarting in the *Urethra*, and by a Pain. and Weight in the Testicles; six Months afterwards the Patient had Pains in the Loins, and along the Spine, Weakness in his Legs, Heat of Urine, and a Difficulty in making it, partly proceeding from its being muddy. He was waiting for a favourable season to be salivated, when he consulted me. I found two Ulcers, with Excrecences, in the *Urethra*; one towards the middle of the *Urethra*, the other towards the *Prostata*. The

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Cause of all these complaints was radically extirpated in fifty-eight Days.

79. A Person had a small Gleet, and diminution of the Stream of his Urine, in consequence of a first Gonorrhœa. He contracted a second, for which he had early assistance; however, it could not be stopp'd, even by a Salivation well administred, nor by the use of leaden Probes rubb'd with mercurial Ointment. I found in the middle of the *Urethra* a callous Ulcer, and another that was sordid, and very sensible, near the *Verumontanum*. By the use of my Remedies he was made perfectly well in forty-nine Days.

80. A Surgeon of *St. Malo*, three Months after he had got rid of a Gonorrhœa, perceiv'd that he could not retain his Water as usual, and had a smarting Pain after making it; as also, sometimes, a Discharge of a few drops of purulent Matter. Balsam of *Capivi* stopp'd this Running; but the heat, and frequent inclination of making Water, increas'd; and when he endeavour'd to hold it, he felt a very acute Pain at the extremity of the *Glans*; he had the same complaint in making Water, which he could not do without violent straining; and then it came out at first only drop by drop, and afterwards like a Thread. In this condition he contracted a second Clap, which brought on a Suppression, which was near costing him his life; in consequence of this, he was seiz'd with a Strangury, *Tenesmus*, Fever, and an Inflammation on the *Scrotum*; these last Symptoms were cur'd, the former remaining as before. They proceeded from a sordid Ulcer at the beginning of the *Urethra*, from another near the *Verumontanum*, and from a third on the excretory Ducts of *Cowper's* Glands: This last was fungous, and very sensible. The Patient was, however, cur'd in fifty-one Days.

81. A Merchant of *Marseilles* thought he had got quite clear of a Gonorrhœa contracted in 1739. when he perceiv'd a very great Smarting in the *Urethra*, and that his Water was fork'd. The first of these Symptoms ceas'd, upon using Medicines, but return'd upon their being left off. These Symptoms were owing to two fordid Ulcers, the first in the middle of the *Urethra*, and the second, which was not so considerable, on the excretory Ducts of the *Prostata*. He was perfectly cur'd in 43 Days, and, during the use of his Remedies, recover'd his flesh, which he had lost, from his uneasiness of mind.

82. The Marquis of was not so fortunate in a second Gonorrhœa, as he had been in a former; for a long course of Medicines were not able to suppress a virulent Running which appear'd, upon the least excess: It was not long before he had a Suppression of Urine, which continu'd five Days. A thousand Remedies, and even the leaden Probes, were made use of, without preventing frequent returns of that cruel complaint, which nothing reliev'd but large doses of the *Pil. e Cynogloss.* He had then an inclination to put himself under my care; but some Gentlemen of the Profession, that were men of probity, from a wrong belief that my Medicines are corrosive, explain'd to him all the terrible consequences of such an application to so sensible a part as the *Urethra*. He came, however, to *Marseilles*, to get better information from my Patients themselves; but the fatigue of his journey bringing on a violent Suppression, he forgot all his apprehensions, and sent for me. I had the good luck to make him discharge his Water immediately, which determin'd him to trust himself in my hands, to obtain a radical Cure. There are Patients more sensible than others; at least, the nature of their complaints is such as to make them so. As soon as my Medicines began strongly to operate, the Patient felt some Pain, and began to

recal to his mind the terrible effects of Caustics: I perceiv'd his uneasiness; and, imagining that my Words would have but little weight, I brought some of my Patients, who had been in the like condition, to converse with him: Their discourse produced the desir'd effect, and he got perfectly well in fifty-five Days. He had a fordid Ulcer in the middle of the Passage, and the *Verumontanum* was ulcerated, very hard, and much larger than in its natural state.

83. A Person contracted a Gonorrhœa, in 1730. in *England*: It was of a very bad nature, and left a Gleet behind it. He had been inform'd, that it would cease of itself; however, as a Strangury attended it, he thought proper to apply to the famous *Boerhaave*, in *Holland*: The Relief which he procur'd him did not, however, prevent a Suppression of Urine, with Pain in the Kidneys and Bladder; from that time he began to discharge a great quantity of slimy Matter with his Urine, which hinder'd the free Discharge of it; and his Running still remain'd in the same condition. He went to *Italy*, us'd several Remedies in the most famous Cities, and was so far from receiving any benefit, that his Suppressions became more frequent. He return'd to *France*, consulted the best Practitioners of *Aix*, *Montpelier*, and *Paris*, without receiving the least benefit, unless by the use of Bougies, which was, however, but of short continuance. In this last City he heard of me. Altho' the People, who had his confidence at that time, dissuaded him from applying to me, he came to *Marseilles*, and, after he had spoke with some of my Patients, he put himself under my care. I found in the *Urethra* two different Obstacles, not far from one another: The first was a spongy Flesh, three Fingers breadth in the Passage; the second, which was of a harder substance, was a little farther in: I found, besides, the *Verumontanum* ulcerated, and a hard Tumor on one side of it, which often bled when the Patient

Patient pass'd his Bougies, as he had been taught to do. No Patient ever confin'd himself less in his Regimen: He frequently engag'd in Parties of Pleasure, and yet his Cure was not retarded by it, it being completed in two Months and an half. But every-body has not so good a Constitution; and his Example is not a Rule for others.

84. An Officer, having contracted a Gonorrhœa at *Malta*, and his Irregularity preventing his Cure, took notice, four Years afterwards, that he did not make Water with the same ease as usual; and that the Stream of his Water was much slenderer; and that it divided into two or more Branches: Shortly after, these Symptoms increas'd; the Discharge of his Urine was preceded and follow'd by Shiverings; and he could not discharge it without much straining: Besides, he had a feverish Paroxysm once in fifteen or twenty Days. Fearing the consequences of these Symptoms, he went to *Paris* for Relief; but his Disease grew worse, a great quantity of viscid Matter came out with his Urine, and he could not retain it above a quarter of an Hour. At his return to *Marseilles* he was salivated, and they were debating at *Montpelier*, whether they should not repeat it, when he apply'd to me. I spar'd him that trouble, by deterging and healing three callous Ulcers in sixty-eight Days: The first was a Finger's breadth from the entrance of the *Urethra*; the second, three Fingers breadth farther down; and the third, near the *Verumontanum*.

85. M. having contracted a second Gonorrhœa in *Spain*, about the Year 1731. could not get perfectly cur'd of it: He made his Water with more Pain, and in a smaller Stream, than usual. Having travell'd about for some time, without applying for any Assistance, he put himself under a Course at *Marseilles*; but, instead of growing better, his Disorder increas'd, and he could not make Water

without much straining and Pain. He was constantly afflicted with a Pain in his Kidneys, and a want to go to Stool. In 1744. his Water came only drop by drop, involuntarily, and without ceasing; which Indisposition debarr'd him of all society: He was oblig'd, besides, to go to the Close-stool every half hour, both night and day. These Symptoms were owing to a callous Ulcer very near the *Verumontanum*, and to another farther down, which I discover'd after I had deterg'd and cicatriz'd the first; he had, moreover, a fungous Excrecence in the form of a Wart. In the first nine Days his incontinence of Urine was cur'd, and in sixty-one he was made perfectly well.

86. A Patient, contracting a very virulent Clap in 1744. would not commit himself to the Care of a Surgeon who promis'd to make him well in a Week, but trusted a Mountebank, who, after four Months time, us'd styptic Injections, to accomplish the Cure: But, thereupon, the Heat of Urine became worse than ever. He had Shootings in the Passage, made Water with great difficulty, and frequently only drop by drop; these Disorders grew worse upon the least excess: They were caus'd by several fungous Excrecences situated in the *Urethra*, at a small distance from the *Verumontanum*. He was cur'd in forty-one Days.

87. An Officer of the Gallies had remaining, from a third Gonorrhoea, only a Smarting, which did not hinder him from running fresh risques. He was, at last, punish'd for his Incontinence; a fourth could not be intirely cur'd. The least excess render'd the Running more plentiful, and the Smarting worse. The fear of consequences determin'd him to apply to me. I found in the *Urethra* three Ulcers, two small ones on this side the *Verumontanum*, and a third on the excretory Ducts of the *Prostata*; this last had callous Edges. The Patient, as may be suppos'd, made Water with difficulty, and was in constant danger

danger of a Suppression. He was completely cur'd in sixty-one Days.

88. M. Keeper of the Royal Standard of the Gallies, after a treatment of seven Months, was, at last, cur'd by astringent Injections. His joy, however, was but of a short continuance; for, upon the least excess, a Matter came out, which tinged his Linen yellow. Surgeons endeavour'd, to no purpose, to allay his fears; his just alarms increas'd, upon finding that the last Drops of his Water remain'd for some Moments in the Passage. He had, near the *Prostata*, an Ulcer which continually supply'd a Matter, but in so small a quantity, that it came away in the appearance of Filaments in his Water, without staining his Linen. He was cur'd in fifty-one Days.

89. A Person of distinction of *Agen*, having already suffer'd two Gonorrhœas, and living afterwards with more reserve, thought himself quite secure; when he perceiv'd, shortly afterwards, a Running somewhat purulent, and a Heat of Urine: This Heat became, soon afterwards, more severe, and the Running more plentiful; the Stream of his Water divided; it sometimes was intirely suppress'd, and he had always a difficulty in making it. His most urgent Symptoms were reliev'd by Remedies; but the Canal still remain'd contracted by bad Cicatrices, and the Suppression return'd every now-and-then. He found no relief but in the use of leaden Probes, which he could not discontinue for the least time, without exposing himself to the preceding complaints. He us'd mercurial Frictions; Bougies, sent from *Paris* as Specifics, only serv'd to make him worse: They were even so rash as to convey *Lapis Infernalis* up the *Urethra*; what the effect was, may easily be conjectur'd. In this condition he intrusted himself to me, and I found terrible mischief caus'd in part, without doubt, by the violent Caustic that had been apply'd. There were four Ulcers in

the *Urethra*, cover'd with fungous Flesh; the first, at the entrance immediately under the *Glans*; the second, a Finger's breadth lower down; the third, a little on this side the *Verumontanum*; and the fourth, which was the worst, and extremely sensible, on the *Verumontanum* itself. Notwithstanding his miserable condition, in forty-three Days I made him completely well.

90. A Patient found no relief for a virulent Gonorrhœa but in the use of Goats Milk; however, the Running did not lessen. He afterwards try'd mercurial Frictions, which were equally ineffectual, and even occasion'd all over his Body a prodigious quantity of little Pimples, which only serv'd to pain him still more. Tir'd out with so many useless Experiments, by the advice of some of his friends, he trusted himself intirely to nature; but finding that his Running still continu'd, he apply'd to me. In forty-six Days I deterg'd and cicatriz'd for him three Ulcers in the *Urethra*, and intirely cur'd him.

91. There remain'd, after a whole Year's course of Physic, in a Patient whom I found to have a small Ulcer in the middle of the *Urethra*, only a slight Gleet, especially when he heated himself ever so little: His Water afterwards began not to come away without great straining. These Symptoms disappear'd in thirty-three Days.

92. A Merchant of *Marseilles* had not been able to stop a Gonorrhœa, contracted in 1730. but by the help of time, and astringent Injections; but, shortly after, his Water did not come away with the same ease. In 1736. his Urine was discharg'd only drop by drop, and even not without squeezing the part; and he had, besides, an incontinence of Urine. I found under the *Glans* a callous Excrescence near a Finger's breadth long, which almost clos'd the Passage; and two sordid Ulcers on this side the *Verumontanum*. The Patient was not only cur'd of all these
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complaints in forty-three Days, but render'd capable of getting Children, which the Obstructions of the Canal had made him incapable of, for between five and six Years.

93. I cur'd, in forty-eight Days, the Count of who came from *Roussillon* to consult me upon a slight Running, which was brought on by the least excess: He afterwards perceiv'd a Smarting in the *Urethra*, and his Water did not come away with the same ease as before. He had two fungous Excrecences from a Gonorrhœa contracted in 1726. one in the middle of the Canal, and the other near the *Verumontanum*, which were the Coverings of so many Ulcers.

94. A Surgeon, settled in a City near *Marseilles*, had, in consequence of three Gonorrhœas, a slight purulent Gleet, attended with great difficulty of making Water, which became considerable in 1740. and very dangerous; for they were not able to pass the Catheter, on account of an Obstacle in the Canal; which likewise render'd him impotent. The reason of this is manifest; and the intelligent reader must have observ'd, that this was the Case of many of my Patients. Upon examining this Brother of mine, I found two Ulcers at some distance from the *Verumontanum*, and on this side of them an Excrecence resembling a Wart: I had the satisfaction to procure him, in forty-eight Days, the intire re-establishment of his Health, and to hear him confirm, by his own experience, all that he had heard in praise of my Method.

95. A Person, considerable for his birth and station, had successfully got thro' five or six Gonorrhœas; but his last made him pay dear for dangers he had so boldly encounter'd; altho' he took more Medicines for this, than the preceding ones, there remain'd a constant Strangury. And having, one Day, hurt himself in passing a leaden Probe at a time
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when he could not make Water, he had an Ischury for four Hours; from that time he made Water only drop by drop, and always with a great deal of Heat: He had, afterwards, an incontinence of Urine, and a Fever every Month. These Symptoms were owing to three Obstructions: The first was a round Excrescence, in the middle of the *Urethra*; the second, flat and callous, near the former; and the third on the *Verumontanum* itself, which was very hard, ulcerated, and much larger than in its natural state. He was cur'd in fifty-one Days.

96. An inhabitant of *Tarascon* thought himself well cur'd of a Gonorrhœa he had fifteen or sixteen Years before, when he found a Discharge, without having run any fresh risque: This was follow'd by a Suppression, which continu'd forty-eight Hours, and left a Strangury. The Suppression return'd upon any excess, and his Urine could not pass but by pressing down the Obstacles with the Probe. A Surgeon telling him, that his complaint was owing to his continence, he found the Remedy easy; but smart Pains after the action, and Shootings in the *Perinæum*, were the reward of his docility. As the Suppression frequently return'd, and the virulent Running constantly remain'd, he apply'd to me, and had no reason to repent of it; since, in two Months, he was cur'd of two Ulcers, which caus'd the whole Disorder. They were near each other, and situated about half a Finger's breadth from the *Verumontanum*. They were deep, and surrounded with spongy Flesh.

97. I treated, in 1744. two very callous Ulcers upon the two *Labia*, corroding Chancres on the *Nymphæ*, and a very virulent Gonorrhœa, in a Girl, who had contracted them in 1739. and who had distributed them to all comers. Tho' she had been salivated at the beginning, I thought it proper to salivate her again, attacking, at the same time, the local

local Complaint; and she was perfectly well in a Month and an half.

98. I likewise salivated a Woman, at the same time I was encountering with my particular Remedies the local Complaint, which consisted in a Chancre that had almost eat away the right Lip and one of the *Nymphæ*: She had besides, in the *Meatus Urinarius*, an Ulcer, from whence proceeded a very fetid Matter. I cured her in fifty-nine Days.

99. There remained to Mrs. ———, from a Gonorrhœa her Husband had communicated to her, a pretty considerable Running, which she looked upon as a *Fluor Albus*; but some Years afterwards, this Lady having felt Pains in different Parts, and Shootings in the *Vagina*, which Mercurial Frictions had not taken away, I examined her, and found a fordid Ulcer in the inferior Part of the *Vagina*. In two Months and an half I made her quite well. The Reason of her being so long under my Management, was upon account of her *Menses*, which usually lasted from twelve to fifteen Days.

100. The following Case only serves to shew, that my Remedy would be as proper to deterge and heal any other Ulcer, as those produced by the Venereal Poison. A Person of Figure had for a long time felt in his Fundament a very painful Tension, attended with Shootings that made him suffer cruelly, and did not permit him to go to stool but with infinite Pain. The most skilful of the Profession not being able to make any thing of his Complaint, and assuring him, that he had no Ailment in that Part, I demonstrated, by the Help of my *Speculum Ani*, to a Person who attended him, a callous Ulcer half a Finger's Breadth, within the *Anus* on the left Side, above an Inch long, very deep, and with high, hard, and inverted Lips. I could not refuse undertaking his Cure, and I succeeded in forty-two

two Days, by the Use of my Remedies, and a very diluting Regimen.

REFLECTIONS upon the preceding CASES.

AS the nature of the Diseases that fall under my Management, is of such a kind as not to suffer me to set down the Names of the Patients, the Reader might, in some manner, be authorized to call in question the Truth of what I relate, if I had not Witnesses to confirm it. It is proper, therefore, he should be informed, that almost all the Patients mentioned above were presented to me by People well known at *Marseilles*, and who were acquainted with their Diseases, Circumstances, and perfect Cure: But as the Deposition of such Witnesses has, and ought to have, less Sway with the Judicious, than the Attestation of People of the Profession, I shall bring them only as my Evidence. If they prove the Truth of the most extraordinary Cases, the less difficult will certainly remain unquestioned.

A Letter from Mr. Gourraigne, Doctor of Physic of the Faculty of Montpellier, of the Royal Society of Sciences, to Mr. Joyeuse, Doctor of Physic of the same Faculty, and Physician in ordinary to the Gallies.

S I R,

THERE is much Talk here of a Surgeon newly arrived at *Marseilles*, who radically cures the Carnosities of the *Urethra*. As I would gladly know the Truth, I do myself the Honour to write

write to you, desiring you to acquaint me with what you positively know concerning it. Has he cured any body? They say he brings Carnosities to Suppuration: Does this Suppuration continue long? Is the Caustic he applies very painful? In short, tell me all you know of this Surgeon: You will lay me under an Obligation. I offer you my little Services in this Country. I am, with Respect,

S I R,

Your most humble,

Montpelier, *and obedient Servant,*

Oct. 25. 1744. GOURRAIGNE.

The Answer of Mr. Joyeuse, Physician in ordinary to the Gallies, inserted in the Mercury of the January following.

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I AM not at all surpris'd at your Questions concerning Mr. Daran: That Surgeon arriv'd in this City last Year, in September: The surprizing Cures he performed, soon made a Noise, and drew to him not only the Patients of the Place, but several from the neighbouring Towns and Provinces, whose Cure, upon their return home, could not but occasion the Surprize, and excite the Curiosity, of the Profession: I cannot satisfy yours better than in giving you a faithful Account of the manner how I satisfied my own.

However great the Commendations of the credulous Vulgar may be, in regard to certain Secrets, to which they assign the most wonderful effects, a prudent Physician would be inexcusable, especially in an Age so favourable to Quackery as ours, if he did not suspend his Judgment till repeated and ocular Proofs had convinc'd him.

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From the time of Mr. *Daran's* Arrival in this City, there passed but few Days, in which he was not cried up by those who had been under his Care, or had, without requiring his Assistance themselves, some Connection with his Patients. Between seven and eight Months passed, however, without my knowing him but by his Reputation, however well grounded it might be. You may easily suppose, Sir, that however loud Admiration and Gratitude might be, they did not silence Jealousy. I suspected them both, and, desirous of knowing how far the Encomiums on one side, and Criticism on the other, would admit of abatement, I remained quite undetermined ; till a Gentleman of this City, who honours me with his Confidence, and who had occasion for this Surgeon, furnished me with an Opportunity of knowing him.

This Patient, aged fifty Years, enjoy'd a perfect Health, except a *Dysury*, which he looked upon as a Disposition to the Stone : It had continued upon him about thirty Years : It succeeded a Gonorrhœa ill-treated, which he had never mentioned to me ; nor would he have thought of remedying this Inconvenience, had it not been for Mr. *Daran's* extraordinary Cures in these Complaints, which induced him to apply to him. This Surgeon searched him the 15th of *July* of the present Year ; he found, two Fingers Breadth on this Side the *Prostata*, a Carnosity which almost stopped the Passage, and which was near two Inches long ; a purulent Running appeared but now-and-then, and in a small Quantity, but it had never intirely ceased. Mr. *Daran* treated him with his Sounds, and Antivenereal Remedies, and made him quite well in sixty-three Days.

This Cure, however complete it might be, had nothing so very particular in it, as to hinder me from desiring to see, with my own Eyes, some other
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more decisive. If you were acquainted with this Surgeon, or as near him as I am, and had the same Curiosity as prompted me, nothing would be easier than to satisfy it. He has no want of Patients, and no one of the Profession has reason to complain of the manner in which he receives them. Among the new Patients that were then under his Care, I saw a Perfumer of *Avignon*, above sixty Years old, who had been troubled with a Difficulty in making Water for better than thirty Years; it hardly came at all thro' the *Urethra*, but indifferently thro' five Fistulas; the first of which was on the right Side of the Root of the *Penis*; the second, in the *Perinaeum*, about an Inch from the *Anus*; the third, near the other, towards the *Scrotum*; and the two others, in the middle and lower part of the *Hypogastric* Region, a Finger's Breadth distant from each other. The *Scrotum* was swelled in the inferior Part, where were six Pustules. This Patient had, besides, two scirrhus Tumors on the Sides of the *Penis*, and a *Phimosis*, caused by a considerable Hardness round the *Prepuce*. I need not observe to you, that the most considerable People of the Profession in the several Cities he had passed through, had not been able to give him any Assistance. Deplorable as his Case was, he had no other Thoughts than those of Resignation, when Mr. *Daran's* Reputation, supported by a great Number of signal Cures, determined him to apply to him. I had the Curiosity to attend this Case. Judge, Sir, of my Surprise, when I saw this Patient as perfectly cured as the rest, and in a Condition to return home in forty odd Days.

To this remarkable Example, give me leave, Sir, to add another, which is not less so.

The Count of of an illustrious House of *Vivarais*, aged about Fifty, came from *Toulon* to this

this City, last *May*: Tho' his Disease had appear'd, long since, incurable, to all the eminent men of the Profession, whom he had consulted, the Fame of Mr. *Daran*, and the desire of Recovery, so natural to the Sick, put him upon undertaking this last journey. He had a Gonorrhœa near thirty Years ago, which was treated very negligently: During the first Years, the Stream of his Water lessen'd by little and little; and, at last, came away only drop by drop: He was then at *Paris*, where he apply'd to people of the first Character: He was afterwards under the care of a Surgeon famous for these Diseases; but he was so far from clearing the *Urethra*, that a quite contrary Effect ensu'd: The introduction of his Probes and Caustics was follow'd with Inflammation; and, to prevent instant Death, and procure a Discharge to his Water, M. *Petit*, who was call'd in, made a Puncture in *Perinæo*: The Urine came only thro' this Opening, which became fistulous, and the Canal remain'd stopp'd up; some time after, the Matter of the old Gonorrhœa occasion'd near the *Anus*, on *Cowper's* Glands, an Abscess, which they were oblig'd to open, and which gave rise to a second *Fistula*: In this condition he return'd into his Country. The fatigue of his journey caus'd new Abscesses, which degenerated into as many *Fistulas*; so that, when he arriv'd here, Mr. *Daran* found the *Urethra* intirely stopp'd up, and five *Fistulas in Perinæo*, which communicated with one another, and thro' which the Urine found so many Outlets: All these *Fistulas* were surrounded with scirrhus Hardnesses, of a considerable size. The Symptoms attending this melancholy situation were, frequent Fevers, Abscesses succeeding one another, a constant Discharge of a very virulent Matter, and the Inconveniencies of having his Shirts always wet with his Water. The hardness of the *Fistulas* did not permit the Patient to sit without

out a Pillow; and as the Urine became more acrimonious, it caus'd smarter Pains in the places through which it pass'd.

It will not appear astonishing to you, Sir, that such a situation requir'd a longer treatment than usual; but I dare believe, you will not hear, without some surprize, thrt Mr. *Daran's* Sounds destroy'd, without any Pain, all the Excrescences that stopp'd up the Passage. The fistulous Ulcers were fully derterg'd and cicatriz'd, the Hardness melted down, the old Gonorrhœa stopp'd, in a word, the Patient was as perfectly well, as if he had never had any Disorder. He left *Marseilles* the 18th of this Month.

I could easily lengthen out this Letter, if I inserted in it the Number of Cases I have been equally witness to: I could cite you some, that have made a noise in this City, and which deserve a particular Account; but I should exceed the bounds of a Letter. Should Mr. *Daran* present the Public with an Account of the great Number of Patients who, within thirteen Months, have pass'd thro' his Hands; his Collection of Cases would not, certainly, be the least important Present it has receiv'd from Physic: These Facts would be so many Proofs of the Excellence of his Cathæretic, which may be consider'd as a sovereign Remedy in all virulent Runnings, and whose use might, perhaps, be extended to several other Cases, with the same success. But not to depart from its known Virtues; you know, Sir, that Gonorrhœas, both old and recent, are the Stumbling-block of the most skilful Practitioners: In vain has Mercury been consider'd, hitherto, as the surest Remedy we have; in vain have we known, for some time, the surest and gentlest Method of using it with success. This Specific, it is true, manag'd according to the Rules laid down by one of our

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greatest Masters (a), is triumphant in the Cure of the Venereal Disease, and its Symptoms: A Gonorrhœa has been the only thing which evades its power, and against which all other means have very often fail'd. The fatal accidents, which frequently follow it, the greatest part of which have hitherto been insurmountable, evidently shew the want of new Remedies for the treatment of it. M. *Daran*, by his Sounds, and new Method, cures this complaint, and all its consequences, generally, in about forty Days: He effectually stops all Runnings, without any danger of any bad consequence: *Dysury*, *Ischury*, and *Strangury*, disappear with the Carnosities that are the ordinary Causes of them. If the Symptoms attending or following a Gonorrhœa are often terrible, they seem to be so only to make the success of this Surgeon shine forth more conspicuously. Among his Patients there have been some in whom the Passage was quite stopp'd up, and who had not made a single drop of Water, the natural way, for many Years: His success has been always the same. You ask me, Sir, Whether his Cathæretic is painful; and if it brings on a Suppuration? It never acts, but by bringing on a Suppuration, more or less plentiful, according to the Swellings or Excrescences which obstruct the *Urethra*; but the Pain is so slight, that many of his Patients have assur'd me, they felt none. This Suppurative is so mild, and, at the same time, so sovereign, that I never knew any thing, in the extent of Physic, so surprising in its success, and of greater consequence to the Disease'd: In a word, an infinity of People who perish, in all Nations, would certainly meet with a Cure from this Surgeon; whereas they have not been able, hi-

(a) Vide the Thesis of the first Physician, *An ad curandam Luem Veneream, frictions Mercuriales in hunc finem adhibendæ sint, ut Salivæ fluxus concitetur?*

therto, to find the same assistance elsewhere. I have
the honour of being, with respect,

S I R,

Your most humble, and

obedient Servant,

JOYEUSE,

*Physician to the Hospital of the Gallies
of France at Marseilles, Nov. 10.
1744.*

*Certificate of M. Michel, Physician of Mar-
seilles.*

“ I The underwritten, Doctor of Physic of the
“ Faculty of *Montpelier*, Fellow of the College
“ of Physicians of this City, and Physician of the
“ *Lazaret de Purge*, certify, That the Cases of the
“ four Persons treated by M. *Daran*(a), wherein men-
“ tion is made of me, contain exactly all the Symp-
“ toms which attended their Disease when they ap-
“ ply’d to him ; and that they are perfectly cur’d.
“ In evidence whereof, I have given the present
“ Attestation, after having visited the aforesaid Pa-
“ tients, both before and after their Cure.

“ Marseilles, July 1.

“ Signed,

“ 1745.

“ MICHEL, *Physician.*”

(a) *Vide Cases 6. 12. 84. and 93.*

Certificate of M. Albin, Physician at Mar-
seilles.

“ I, The underwritten, Doctor of Physic, Fellow
“ of the College of Physicians of this City, tes-
“ tify, That M. *Daran* treated and cur’d a (a) Coun-
“ fellow and a (b) Hatter of this City, the first of
“ whom had a difficulty in making Water, from
“ Obstacles in the Passage; the second labour’d
“ under the same indisposition, attended with several
“ *Fistulas in Perinæo*: In Proof whereof, I have
“ drawn up the present Certificate.

“ Marseilles, Aug. 15.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1744.

“ ALBIN, Physician.”

[(a) *Vide* Case 27.

(b) *Vide* Case 19.

Certificate of M. Joyeuse, Physician inordi-
nary to the Gallies.

“ I, The underwritten, Doctor of Physic of the
“ Faculty of *Montpelier*, Senior Physician of the
“ King’s Armies, Syndic of the College of Physi-
“ cians of this City, and Physician in Ordinary of
“ the Gallies, certify, the more readily, all that is
“ contain’d in *Case* 86. as I have already given a
“ public Testimony of M. *Daran*’s Skill in the
“ Treatment of the Diseases of the *Urethra*; and
“ am, besides, convinced of it, by several other
“ Cures, much more surprising, and which are to
“ be seen in this Collection.

“ Marseilles, July 4.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1745.

“ JOYEUSE, Physician.”

Certificate of M. Mouret, Physician of Tarascon, concerning the State of the Patient of Case 95. when he set out from that City.

“ I, The underwritten, certify, That M.
 “ set out from this City to go to *Marseilles*, in order to put himself under the Care of M. *Daran*, for a very bad Strangury, which he had labour’d under for a long time. This Strangury was owing to several Gonorrhœas he had formerly contracted, was constant from the beginning, and always grew worse, notwithstanding the Remedies he took; whence it was consider’d as incurable. In Evidence whereof, I have given the present Certificate.

“ Tarascon, June 23.
 “ 1745.

“ Sign’d,

“ MOURET, D. M.”

Another Certificate of M. Mouret, concerning the State of the Patient of Case the 96th, when he set out for Marseilles.

“ I, The underwritten, certify, That M.
 “ is afflicted with a Difficulty of making Water, which degenerated into a Strangury by the Application of improper Remedies after making bloody Water, which was imprudently mistaken for a Clap; Remedies which certainly occasion’d a Contraction throughout the Canal, and Carnosities which have determin’d him to put himself under the Care of M. *Daran*; having had several

“veral Suppressions, more or less violent, one of
 “which continu’d above forty-eight Hours. He
 “was in several Cities, to find Relief for this Com-
 “plaint, but never met with any benefit. In Proof
 “whereof, I have given the present Certificate.

“Tarascon, June 23.

“Sign’d,

“1745.

“MOURET, D. M.”

“Sign’d,

“Tarascon, June 23.

“MOURET, D. M.”

“The undersigned, certify, That M.
 “is afflicted with a Difficulty of making Water,
 “which degenerated into a Strangury by the Ap-
 “plication of improper Remedies after making
 “bloody Water, which was imprudently mistaken
 “for a Drop of Blood, which certainly occasion’d
 “a Contraction throughout the Canal, and Anno-
 “ying which have determin’d him to put himself
 “under the Care of M. Mouret, having had se-
 “veral

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Disorders of the URETHRA.

PART II.

Containing the Remainder of the most material Cures I perform'd at Marfeilles, and the History of my Journey from Marfeilles to Paris.

CASE I.

A SPANISH Marechal de Camp, happily cur'd of two Gonorrhœas contracted in his own Country, had recourse, for a third, to the most eminent Surgeons; but, tir'd out with Remedies for six Months together, he resolv'd to trust to the Assistance of Nature, which was equally ineffectual: The Disease increas'd, and the Stream of his Urine lessen'd daily. Alarm'd at this Accident, he omitted no Means to obtain a Cure; but,

far from finding Relief in his new Remedies, he had, shortly afterwards, a Suppression, which return'd upon the least excess. Finding no Relief in *Spain*, he came, in search of it, to *Paris*, but with no better success: He then gave over all Remedies, and expected nothing but Pain and Torment the rest of his Life; when he heard of the Cures I was performing at *Marseilles*. He came there in *May 1745*. Having search'd him, I found, on this side the *Verumontanum*, three spongy Excrescences, one of which was ulcerated, and supply'd an obstinate virulent Gleet. I immediately apply'd my Remedies to him, and cur'd him in seventy-four Days.

C A S E 2.

M. *De la B* an old Captain of Grenadiers in one of the first Regiments of *France*, put himself under my care at *Marseilles*, in *May 1745*. From 1710. to 1728. he had had three Gonorrhœas, which he appear'd well cur'd of: For one of them mercurial Frictions had been administred: The same means cur'd a fourth, likewise: A fifth, contracted in 1731. being attended with an *Hernia Humoralis*, oblig'd him to have recourse to the same means, and whatever else could be devis'd; but all Efforts were vain. A Discharge of purulent Matter continu'd upon him; a Strangury was soon an additional Symptom; and, a little time after, two Suppressions were near costing him his Life. He was dragging on a life of Pain, insupportable to him, when new Accidents beset him. In 1744. an Abscess arose in *Perinæo*, which, soon after, broke of itself, and the Opening, which they were oblig'd to dilate, discharg'd a great quantity of Pus and Urine; a *Fistula* was the result of it: Shortly after, a new *Fistula* was the consequence of another Abscess. Pus and Urine continually draining thro' these *Fistulas*, the Patient, to prevent his

his being constantly wet and foul'd, was oblig'd to carry a Tin Box in his Breeches. Not having been able to find any Remedy for these complaints, he took the resolution of putting himself under my care. I found, in the middle of the *Urethra*, a calous Excrescence, which suffer'd the Urine to come out only drop by drop; the two *Fistulas*, which were in *Perinæo*, a Finger's breadth from each other, were surrounded with scirrhus Swellings: I was forty-five Days before I could reach to the Bladder; but, as soon as the Urine came away in a full Stream, I apply'd myself to the *Fistulas*, and was so happy as to make the Patient perfectly well in three Months. The interest I had in having his Case attested by People of the Profession, engag'd me to get Mr. *Daviel*, an eminent Surgeon of *Marseilles*, to visit him: I presented the Patient, very lately, to him at *Paris*: I join to his Certificate that which Mr. *Chicoyneau* gave me, after having heard, from the Patient, a relation of his Disease and Cure.

Certificate of M. Chicoyneau.

“ I, The underwritten, Counsellor of State in Ordinary, and First Physician of the King, certify, That M. *De la B.....* an old Captain of Grenadiers in the Regiment of actually at *Versailles*, related to me, That he had been afflicted for thirty Years with several Carnosities in the *Urethra*, and a considerable Abscess in *Perinæo*, attended with fistulous Callosities, through which his Urine, and a very fetid Pus, frequently discharg'd, which, join'd to very sharp Pains, with which these Diseases are usually attended, and to Retentions of Urine, which were sometimes total, had reduced him to the most deplorable condition; all the treatment he had gone thro', under
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“ several of the Profession, having prov’d absolutely
 “ useless. But, having been so happy as to meet
 “ with M. *Daran*, at *Marseilles*, whose Reputation
 “ for the Cure of these Complaints was already esta-
 “ blish’d, he thought he could not do better than
 “ intirely confide to his Method; so that, in a small
 “ space of time, he was perfectly deliver’d from all
 “ his Complaints: And this Cure, join’d to that of
 “ several other Persons labouring under the same
 “ Disease, whose Cases have been communicated to
 “ me, and which have been attended with the same
 “ success, leaves no room to doubt but that M. *Da-*
 “ *ran*’s Method is of the utmost efficacy in these
 “ Diseases, and ought to be consider’d particularly
 “ as a Specific. In Proof whereof, I have sign’d
 “ the present Certificate.

“ Versailles, Apr. 8.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ CHICOYNEAU.”

Certificate of M. Daviel.

“ I *James Daviel*, Master of Arts, sworn Surgeon
 “ of *Marseilles*, and of the King’s Gallies, of
 “ the Royal Academy of Sciences of *Toulouse*, Cor-
 “ respondent Associate of the Academy of Surgery
 “ at *Paris*, Member of the Institution of Sciences
 “ of *Boulogne*, Royal Professor and Demonstrator
 “ of Surgery and Anatomy of *Marseilles*, certify,
 “ That I visited at M. *Daran*’s, May 3. 1745. M.
 “ *De* an antient Captain of Grenadiers in the
 “ Regiment of who came on purpose from
 “ *Montpelier* to M. *Daran*, to be treated of a Dis-
 “ ease in the *Urethra*, which the Patient told me he
 “ had been afflicted with near thirty Years, and for
 “ which he had gone thro’ different treatments, and
 “ had

“ had often been in danger of his Life by total Sup-
 “ preffions of Urine ; that the preceding Year two
 “ Abscesses had arose in *Perinæo*, attended with
 “ considerable Callosities, which some time after
 “ became fistulous, and thro’ them the Urine, and
 “ a very fetid *Pus*, were discharg’d, as I remark’d,
 “ in visiting the aforesaid Patient ; which had oblig’d
 “ him to carry a Tin Vessel in his Breeches, to catch
 “ the Urine and *Pus* that were constantly draining
 “ thro’. The deplorable state in which he then was,
 “ oblig’d him to have recourse to M. *Daran*, who had
 “ the highest Character at *Marseilles* for this sort of
 “ Diseases. The Cure of M. establishes it still
 “ more : For, having seen and examin’d him, I should
 “ have thought myself wanting to the truth, if I did
 “ not truly attest his perfect Cure ; so that I by no
 “ means doubt but that M. *Daran*’s Remedies are
 “ of the utmost efficacy, in such Cases. In Proof
 “ whereof, I have sign’d the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Apr. 5.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ DAVIEL.”

C A S E 3.

However curious the preceding Relation may be,
 this is still more so, on account of several circum-
 stances. Three Gonorrhœas, of which the first bore
 Date in 1713. had been pretty well cur’d, when the
 Patient, an old Captain of Foot, contracted a fourth,
 which left a difficulty in making Water. This Ac-
 cident, however terrible, not having quench’d the
 Fire of his Passions, he contracted two more, the last
 in 1737. for which he took mercurial Pills, which
 produced a very plentiful Salivation, after which he
 had recourse to Injections: But this last Remedy in-
 creas’d his difficulty of making Water in such a man-
 ner,

ner, that, upon the least excess, he had total Suppressions. The cruel Pains he suffer'd in *Corfica*, where he then was, having oblig'd him to return to *France*, an Abscess form'd itself in *Perinæo*, a Month after his return: The Orifice of it, which they were oblig'd to dilate, gave issue to much Matter and Urine: The event was a *Fistula*, shortly afterwards arose a new Abscess near the former, and a new *Fistula*. Upon this, the Patient was salivated; but he was so far from receiving any benefit from it, that a new *Fistula* appear'd near the *Anus*, and the Urine came indifferently thro' them all, which gave him the trouble of carrying a Vessel in his Breeches to receive the Urine. His Pains were so violent, that *Laudanum*, whose Dose was carry'd to an hundred Drops a Day, did not render them supportable; he was oblig'd, every quarter of an Hour, to kneel down to make a few Drops of Water. Upon searching him, in the presence of Messieurs *Joyeuse* and *Daviel*, the one Physician in Ordinary, the other Surgeon of the Gallies, I found the *Urethra* almost intirely obstructed with spongy Excrescences, two of which furnish'd a Matter, fetid to the last degree: In proportion as the Canal became free, the Patient recover'd his Flesh; because the Pain, which diminish'd in proportion, permitted him to enjoy a more peaceable Sleep: He retrench'd likewise, gradually, the Dose of *Laudanum*, and reduced it to a very few Drops in about three Months; in which time his Cure was accomplish'd. I procur'd a Certificate from the Physician and Surgeon mention'd above.

Certificate of M. Joyeuse.

“ I Doctor of Physic of the Faculty of *Montpe-*
 “ *lier*, and Physician in Ordinary to the Gallies,
 “ certify, That I was present when M. *Daran* visited
 “ M.

“ M. Senior Captain of Foot, who had the
 “ *Urethra* almost intirely obstructed; having, be-
 “ sides, a very virulent Running, and three *Fistulas*
 “ in *Perinaeo*, one of which caus’d him excessive
 “ Pain; and that about three Months after I saw
 “ the Patient perfectly cur’d of all his Complaints.
 “ In Proof whereof, I have deliver’d to the said M.
 “ *Daran* the present Certificate.

“ Marseilles, Oct. 1. 1747.

“ JOYEUSE.”

Certificate of M. Daviel.

“ I Surgeon of the Gallies, &c. declare, That,
 “ I, after reading the Certificate of M. *Joyeuse*, I
 “ recall’d to mind all the Circumstances of the Dis-
 “ ease there related, and that all contain’d therein
 “ is exactly conformable to Truth; and that I have
 “ since seen the Patient in perfect Health.

“ Paris, Nov. 11. 1747.

“ DAVIEL.”

C A S E 4.

The Example of some of his Friends, who had dy’d of the consequences of Gonorrhœas ill cur’d, engag’d M. B. settled at *Paris* above thirty Years, to come to *Marseilles* to put himself under my Care: He knew that I was shortly to come to *Paris*; but thought it more prudent to meet his Cure, than to expose himself to the bad consequences of a Complaint which might daily become worse. From 1716. when he contracted a Gonorrhœa, he had not been able to stop a Gleet, which was soon after follow’d by a Strangury. He comply’d, to no purpose, with all the Directions of those at *Paris*, who make the Diseases of the *Urethra* their principal Ob-
 ject:

ject: The Relief they procur'd him was of short continuance; they then gave him an advice so particular, that the Patient, though not of the Profession, could not bring himself to follow it: It was, to cut open the *Urethra*, and take off the Carnosities with a Pair of Scissars; and every-body will certainly approve his denial. I search'd him, upon his Arrival, and found in the *Urethra* four Excrescences at a little distance from each other: I treated him after my Method, and he was intirely cur'd in seventy-five Days.

Certificate of M. Boiscaillaud.

“ I Master Surgeon of *St. Come*, Surgeon in Ordinary to the King, certify, That M. B.
 “ whom I knew to have labour'd a long time under
 “ a difficulty of making Water from Carnosities in
 “ the *Urethra*, which expos'd him to terrible Accidents, and, amongst others, to total Suppressions,
 “ and oblig'd him to rise thirty or forty times in a
 “ Night, related to me, That, not being able to
 “ find a Cure for these Complaints at *Paris*, he went
 “ to *Marseilles*, where, at that time, resided M.
 “ *Daran*, Surgeon in Ordinary to the King, to put
 “ himself under his care; and that he had the good
 “ fortune to be radically cur'd of all his Complaints,
 “ by his new Method; and that he has felt nothing
 “ of them these three Years. In Proof of which,
 “ I have deliver'd these Presents.

“ Paris, Jan. 2.

“ Sign'd,

“ 1748.

“ BOISCAILLAUD.”

C A S E

C A S E 5.

It frequently happens, that Women either deceive themselves, or others, in making a venereal Running pass for the Whites: The present Example serves to confirm it. A Lady, aged about Thirty, married at Eighteen to a man Sixty Years old, probably thought that she might make herself amends with a young Gallant, for the cold Caresses of her Husband: This commerce had subsisted six Years, when the Gallant was oblig'd to take a Journey: Tho' it was but for eight Days, the young Man could not live chaste; he contracted a Gonorrhœa, which he shortly, upon his return to *Marseilles*, communicated to his Mistress. Unhappily for the Husband; he was sensible, at the same time, of a return of Vigour, which made him a partaker of the present made to his Wife. It was not long before he perceiv'd some Complaints, which, till then, he had been a stranger to: Upon his complaining to his Wife, she drew from her Gallant a confession of his imprudence, which, likewise, accounted for the Symptoms she observ'd in herself. They were all three under the care of the same Surgeon; and the Men were both cur'd, at least in appearance; but the Lady did not fare so well: Her Complaint grew worse. Tir'd out with giving her Medicines, it seem'd the shortest way to qualify the Running with the name of Whites; and, probably, the Patient really believ'd it; but, ten Years afterwards, she was cruelly undeceiv'd, by a total Suppression, attended with insupportable Pains. This Complaint having been got the better of, with much difficulty, there always remain'd a difficulty of making Water, Pain, and Straining, more or less considerable. In this Condition she consulted me, disguising the Disorder under the name of a Stone in the Bladder: My Answer (for I always give the
same

same when I am requir'd to quit my particular Branch) was, that I treated only Retentions of Urine from venereal causes: I added, that the genital parts of Women, being of a different structure from those of Men, it was very rare that their Retentions fell within my province. The Lady then confess'd; and, upon examining her, I found in the *Urethra* a callous Ulcer, and another of the same kind a Finger's breadth within the *Vagina*, both of which supply'd a pretty plentiful Discharge: I then chang'd my tone, and apply'd my Remedies. I deterg'd and cicatriz'd the two Ulcers, and the Patient was cur'd of her difficulty of making Water, and pretended Whites.

C A S E 6.

M. S. a *Swiss* Captain, had been cur'd of three Gonorrhœas, and felt nothing of them, when he contracted a fourth at *Perpignan*, for which he made use of Injections, ineffectually: A little time after, Shootings in the Yard, a Diminution of the Stream of his Water, and Heat, began to make him uneasy, and not without reason. He had three total Suppressions; and a Salivation twice administred, from 1740. to 1744. did not destroy the cause of them. The leaden Probe was then made use of; but, endeavouring to force the Obstacles, to get to the Bladder, the Surgeons caus'd a considerable Hæmorrhage, which was follow'd by a Suppression, very violent Fever, and an Inflammation in the Bladder. He did me the honour of applying to me in the Month of *May* 174 . I found in the *Urethra* two Obstructions, one of which was near the *Verumontanum*, from whence flow'd a very virulent Matter: I perfectly freed the Passage in thirty-eight Days; but, as the Patient's affairs did not permit him to stay longer at *Marseilles*, I gave him every thing
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he wanted, to complete his Cure, with the necessary instructions; and he wrote, shortly afterwards, to let me know, that he was perfectly well. This Patient would not permit me to have him seen by anybody.

C A S E 7.

The History, which I am going to relate, does not come within the Plan of my Work, since my design is only to relate the Diseases of the *Urethra*; but I am persuaded, that the Reader will pardon this short digression, in favour of the singularity of the Case, and the consequence that ought naturally to be drawn from it: That Parents can't use too much caution in the familiarity they suffer to subsist between Children of different Sexes; particularly, when either of them is of an age to give some suspicion. A Millener brought her Daughter to me, under five Years old, altho', by her strength, she would have pass'd for more than eight: She told me, she had, for better than a Fortnight, such an Heat in her Water, that she could not make it without crying; and, besides this, a plentiful Discharge of a whitish Matter. I ask'd her if she was sure that her Daughter had nothing of the same kind before? As to the Discharge, she assur'd me she had not. I examin'd the Child, and found the Lips and Entrance of the *Vagina* full of Ulcers, which furnish'd the Matter which the Mother said was whitish, but which, in reality, was yellow, tending to green. Upon making the Mother question the Child, we found, that one of her neighbours, fifteen Years old, who frequently came to her house, had given her the Venereal Disease, which he had conceal'd from his own Parents for six Months: This the young man afterwards own'd. As I treated only the Diseases of the *Urethra* at *Mar-seilles*, as I now do at *Paris*, I refus'd to undertake this little Patient, but could not withstand the in-

treaties of the Mother, who very forcibly represented the Necessity of concealing this Affair. The Singularity of the Case was, I own, a Motive to make me engage in it ; but before I began, I thought proper to have the State of the Patient attested by Mr. *Joyeuse*, who knew neither Mother nor Child. I then put her in a Course of proper Remedies, and made her quite well in three Months and an half.

A Letter of Mr. Boyer, formerly Surgeon-Major of the Horse-Grenadiers of his C. M. to Mr. Montague, Doctor of Physic of the Faculty of Montpellier.

C A S E 8.

“ **H**OWever well known Mr. *Daran* is at present
 “ by his extraordinary Cures at *Marseilles*,
 “ those I have been a Witness to, and my
 “ own in particular, appear so surprising to me,
 “ that I cannot forbear any longer giving you a
 “ faithful Account of them. You know, Sir,
 “ what was my Situation before I had heard of this
 “ Surgeon’s Talent for the Diseases of the *Urethra* ;
 “ equally oppressed with the thoughts of the ter-
 “ rible Consequences of my Disease, and a tho-
 “ rough Persuasion that it was incurable, I had
 “ frequently been in the utmost Danger, and I ex-
 “ pected Death to be shortly my Portion.
 “ The Art of Physic has certainly very great
 “ Inducements to engage a Man to apply himself
 “ to it. Whoever engages in it, with the neces-
 “ sary Talents, and a constant Application, is sure
 “ of enjoying the Satisfaction of relieving the Un-
 “ happy ; he has frequent Opportunities of pro-
 “ curing and preserving their Health, which is
 “ con-

“ considered by all Men as the most precious Gift
 “ of Nature. But then how deplorable is his Si-
 “ tuation when he himself is attacked with Illness!
 “ Whatever his Knowledge and Experience may be,
 “ they serve but to imbitter his Pains; and the
 “ Knowledge he has of the Bounds of his Art, de-
 “ prives him of the Consolation which keeps up
 “ the Spirits of others to the very last: He is
 “ ingenious in raising the idea of his Disease, and
 “ in tormenting himself, complaining of the too
 “ slow effect of Medicines, and considering himself
 “ as already lost, even when no Danger is at hand.
 “ If the Disease becomes more serious, and Reme-
 “ dies fail to relieve him; if he is threatened to
 “ remain incurable, or if his Complaint be of a
 “ painful nature, how all these Evils are increased
 “ by a Person who is fully acquainted with the
 “ nature of his Situation! You know, Sir, that
 “ this Digression is not misplaced here: This is
 “ but a slight Sketch of my own Condition, and I
 “ should carry my Reflections much farther, were
 “ I to call back what has passed in my Mind from
 “ the beginning of my Disease.

“ Instructed by your learned Lectures on Ana-
 “ tomy and Surgery, which I attended between
 “ twenty and thirty Years ago, in which you had
 “ the *Astrucs* for Rivals, and the *Ferreins* for Pupils,
 “ I had learned that the Bladder was one of the
 “ most sensible *Viscera* of the human Body; that
 “ the *Urethra*, which is but a Continuation of it,
 “ is of a Sense still more exquisite, as this Canal
 “ is very strait, and its nervous Fibres very close
 “ to each other. Practice has since convinced me
 “ of this Truth; but my own Suffering has been to
 “ me the strongest of all Lessons.

“ It was in the Year 1720. that, engaged in one
 “ of those Adventures which the Fire of Youth
 “ but too often prompts us to, I had soon reason

“ to repent of having given a Loose to those Plea-
 “ sures which seldom miss of being followed by
 “ pain. It was at first only a common Gonorrhœa,
 “ which I thought myself intirely freed of, as it
 “ quite disappeared after a regular Use of the best
 “ approved Medicines. I enjoyed a good State of
 “ Health till 1740. who Would have thought that
 “ so long a time was not a Proof of an intire Re-
 “ covery? Made wise at my own Expence, I had
 “ nothing to reproach myself with from that time,
 “ and flattered myself more than ever to enjoy the
 “ Fruits of my Repentance, when I perceived the
 “ Stream of my Water to lessen, and to come away
 “ with Difficulty and Pain. The Fatigue of Riding,
 “ which my Employment of Surgeon-Major of
 “ Grenadiers of his C. M. required of me, greatly
 “ increased my Disorder; and our Departure for
 “ *Italy* not allowing me time to use such Remedies
 “ as might have relieved me, the Fatigue of the
 “ Campaign, and the Inclemency of the Air on
 “ the Mountains of *Savoy*, so far irritated my
 “ Complaint, that the Strangury, which I per-
 “ ceived before my setting out, became every
 “ Day more cruel. A great Quantity of a tough
 “ Matter, which was almost constantly issuing from
 “ the *Urethra*, and which I could not expel with-
 “ out the greatest Pain, soon disabled me from
 “ serving. Last of all, a Suppression, which was
 “ near carrying me off, obliging me to quit the
 “ Service, I thought only of my own Danger, and
 “ the means of avoiding it, if possible. I got my-
 “ self conveyed, as soon as I could, to *Montpelier*,
 “ where, through the kind Attendance of Mr. *Bar-*
 “ *rancy*, whom I am so much indebted to, I had the
 “ good Fortune to get a little better; my Heat
 “ of Urine diminished, and altho’ my Place was
 “ already filled up, finding my Zeal for the King’s
 “ Service return with my Strength, I yielded to the
 “ Solicit-

“ Solicitations of the Officers of the Regiment of
 “ Horse of *Pavia*, that was quartered at *Aramont*,
 “ upon the *Rhone*, and I went there to perform
 “ two Operations : Immediately after, the time of
 “ taking the Field being just at hand, I returned
 “ to *Montpelier* upon some Business. I was no
 “ sooner there than a little Tumor arose in the *Pe-*
 “ *rinæum*, occasioned, without doubt, by the Irrir-
 “ tation of the Obstacles of the *Urethra*, from
 “ which all my Complaints proceeded. This Tu-
 “ mor shortly increased, and became as big as my
 “ Fist. I sent for Mr. *Serree*, a skilful Surgeon of
 “ *Montpelier*, who opened it : He perceived, that
 “ the *Urethra* was perforated, as I had apprehend-
 “ ed, which threatened a Fistula ; the more terrible
 “ to me, as I foresaw all the Consequences of it.
 “ The Fear of this approaching Event tormented
 “ me Night and Day, and constantly thinking of
 “ the means of avoiding it, on the 4th Day I de-
 “ sired Mr. *Serree*, whom I knew to be greatly
 “ wanted elsewhere, and from whom I was desirous
 “ of concealing my Design, lest he should try to
 “ dissuade me from it, to spare himself the Trou-
 “ ble of attending so often. Taking the Advan-
 “ tage of his Absence, I immediately executed
 “ what I had resolved. I passed a Leaden Probe
 “ thro’ the Opening made by the Operation, and
 “ drawing it out by a little Hole which the Matter
 “ had worked itself before I was cut, with a great
 “ deal of Difficulty I made shift to cut through
 “ the small intervening Substance, which appeared
 “ to me of a great length, on account of the Pain
 “ which I felt : The Cure of my Fistula shortly
 “ followed, so that in less than two Months, find-
 “ ing myself able to travel, I went to join the Army
 “ in *Piedmont*. Within a Day’s Journey of *De-*
 “ *mont* I was obliged to stop, on account of a Sup-
 “ pression which tormented me four Days, and

“ which I thought I could not survive. My Situation was, however, not better for my Recovery ;
 “ for my Bladder being full of a slimy Matter, I felt
 “ even more Pain in its coming away, than I
 “ did during the Suppression. I then lost all
 “ Heart, and renouncing again the Care of the
 “ Health of others, I even despaired of ever recovering my own. My only Care was to get myself carried home as soon as possible, where the
 “ strictest Diet, and an Infusion of Mallows, were
 “ the only means I used. You know, Sir, that I
 “ endured there, for six Months, the most cruel
 “ Torments, expecting every Day the fatal Crisis
 “ of them, when I was informed of Mr. *Daran*’s
 “ Arrival at *Montpelier*.

“ Though I had heard much of his Success, my
 “ Confidence was at first very slack : How many
 “ pretended Cures in all kinds of Diseases did I
 “ know to have no other Foundation than popular Fame ! Might not I suspect a Curer of Carnosities ? And I had learnt from you, Sir, that
 “ it was prudent to doubt. Mr. *Daran* had not yet
 “ the Honour to be known to you, nor to several
 “ of your illustrious Brethren. It proved happy
 “ for several Patients, and me in particular, that
 “ Mr. *Daran* was to pass through *Toulouse* to see
 “ his Family, from which he had been separated
 “ near twenty Years, before he went to the capital
 “ City, the only Theatre worthy of Talents like
 “ his. This obliged him to come to *Montpelier*,
 “ where you, Sir, and several other eminent Physicians and Surgeons, were not displeased to
 “ judge, by your own Eyes, of a Person whose
 “ Success in the most ungrateful Part of Surgery
 “ made so much Noise. Whatever Patients of
 “ your City newly arrived from *Marseilles*, and
 “ cured under him, might advance in his Favour,
 “ it was highly necessary, that new Cures, effected
 “ before your Eyes, should serve to confirm all the
 “ the

“ the rest. There were but few Patients who re-
 “ quired Mr. *Daran*'s Assistance, that did not ap-
 “ ply to him immediately upon his first Arrival.

“ Altho' my Confidence was none of the greatest,
 “ I suffered, however, too much not to follow
 “ the Example of others. After having carefully
 “ examined us, he undertook to make us well ; but
 “ it was upon a Condition I should never have
 “ thought of. He required, that those whose
 “ Cases were the most dangerous, should follow him
 “ till they were perfectly well. There was not one
 “ of us whom the Hope of Recovery would not
 “ have carried to the End of the World. But
 “ judge, Sir, of my Astonishment, at seeing Pa-
 “ tients going Post after their Physician ; for Mr.
 “ *Daran* made us keep pace with him. My Sur-
 “ prize increased still more, when he ordered us to
 “ leave off our Regimen, and drink Wine as we
 “ did when we were in Health. This beginning
 “ appeared to me very singular, and contrary to
 “ Rules ; but as Nature found her Account in it,
 “ not one of us dissented, but were very willing to
 “ get a Cure on such Terms. I own I did not
 “ know what to make of it ; but the Benefit we
 “ found, and which daily increased, easily got the
 “ better of the Reflections which a contrary Prac-
 “ tice, and my deficiency of Knowledge, suggested
 “ to me. I was then made sensible, as I had often
 “ been upon other Occasions, how we might alle-
 “ viate the Pains of a Patient, and shorten the dis-
 “ agreeableness of their Situation, by leaving the
 “ common Road, did we but always know that
 “ which we ought to keep. Mr. *Daran* had too
 “ much Experience and good Sense not to expect
 “ to see me surpris'd. Whenever he has any body
 “ of the Profession amongst the Number of his
 “ Patients, he always attends the more readily to
 “ his Objections, being very sure of justifying his

“ Answers by the good Effects of his Remedies. I
 “ was to no purpose I objected to him the Sensi-
 “ bility of the *Urethra*, and neighbouring Parts ; the
 “ danger they were in of an Inflammation, if I
 “ should neglect ever so little my usual Regimen ;
 “ and the Accidents which might follow, if he con-
 “ tinued his Treatment in such Circumstances. A
 “ Patient loves to believe his Physician, and is al-
 “ ways ready to relish his Answers when his Medi-
 “ cines have a good Effect. I approv’d of Mr.
 “ *Daran’s* ; for however unsatisfactory they might
 “ have appeared at another time, I then experienced,
 “ that he spoke true. His Answer was, that as he
 “ prescribed no Regimen during the Treatment of
 “ a simple Wart, or any Eruption of as little Con-
 “ sequence, it but seldom happened that he was
 “ obliged to order his Patients any ; which ought
 “ to be a Proof how agreeable, and incapable of
 “ the least Irritation, his Sounds are, notwith-
 “ standing their Efficacy in destroying all the Dis-
 “ orders of the *Urethra*. This is a certain Fact, that
 “ I was perfectly well before we had finished our
 “ Journey. I never suffered so little as since I
 “ began with his Remedies, and I have been in the
 “ Enjoyment of perfect Health for better than a
 “ Month. The grateful Sentiments I shall always
 “ entertain of Mr. *Daran*, are too great, and too
 “ well founded, not to be delighted with making
 “ a public Acknowledgement for the Good of
 “ Mankind. But I cannot conclude, Sir, till I
 “ have made you acquainted with some other Cures
 “ which I was Witness of during our Journey.
 “ I will not speak of Mr. *le Cb*——, because
 “ Mr. *Daran* not finding it necessary that he
 “ should follow him, as we did, after the little
 “ Stay he made at *Montpelier*, thought it sufficient
 “ to leave him several of his Sounds, with Di-
 “ rections how to use them : By which means you
 “ have

“ have constantly had it in your Power to see him,
 “ and judge yourself of his intire Cure. His Dis-
 “ temper, however, was no trifling Matter, having
 “ been afflicted with a virulent Running for eighteen
 “ Years, which greatly incommoded him, and
 “ which no Remedy had been able to suppress. I
 “ wish I had it in my Power to shew you the
 “ Letter he wrote to Mr. *Daran*, to let him know
 “ his Cure. The Public would see with Pleasure
 “ the lively Expressions of his Gratitude.

“ When we sat out from *Montpelier*, there were
 “ but five Patients of us; two went no farther
 “ than *Narbonne*, and the other two to *Toulouse*,
 “ Mr. *Daran* being of Opinion they might go on
 “ by themselves at home by following exactly
 “ his Directions. I saw Letters of Thanks from
 “ them all, in which they signified their perfect
 “ Recovery. As you are upon the Spot, you may,
 “ better than I, inform yourself how well grounded
 “ is their Gratitude: Permit me only to describe
 “ their Condition.

“ *M———*, Merchant, had for near twenty
 “ Years, consequent upon several Gonorrhœas, a
 “ great Difficulty of making Water, attended with
 “ much Heat, which no Remedy had ever been
 “ able to abate.

“ *M———*, another Merchant, had from the
 “ same Cause, for a Number of Years, a purulent
 “ Gleet, and an Obstruction in the Passage, which
 “ obliged him to introduce a Leaden Probe, with-
 “ out which he was liable to total Suppressions.

“ *M———*, Merchant, had been afflicted for
 “ ten Years with a Strangury and a Gleet, which
 “ no Remedy could suppress.

“ *M———*, Counsellor in the Court of Aids
 “ suffered on the same Account a very cruel Diffi-
 “ culty in making Water, attended with frequent
 “ Sup-

“ Suppressions, and threatening the utmost Danger
 “ from the daily Progress it made.

“ At *Narbonne* a Merchant of that Town suc-
 “ ceeded to the two Patients who returned to
 “ *Montpelier*, and followed us as far as *Toulouse*.
 “ He had led for twelve Years the most miserable
 “ Life, having from several Gonorrhœas a conti-
 “ nual Strangury, and frequent Suppressions. The
 “ Obstacles in the *Urethra* were so great, that
 “ Mr. *Broqueneau*, an eminent Surgeon of *Mont-*
 “ *pelier*, with all the Skill you know him
 “ Master of, had never been able to pass the Ca-
 “ theter.

“ During the short Stay we made at *Toulouse*,
 “ three new Patients joined us. The first was a
 “ Secretary of one of the Sublegates of the Pro-
 “ vince of *Languedoc*, afflicted for eleven Years
 “ past with a Difficulty of making Water, attended
 “ with smart Pain, and much Heat, with frequent
 “ Suppressions: He attended us to *Bordeaux*.
 “ The second was a Merchant of *Narbonne*, who
 “ for six Years had laboured under a considerable
 “ Running, occasioned by several fungous Ulcers
 “ about the Prostates; he made his Water, besides,
 “ with much Heat. Mr. *Daran* did not judge
 “ it necessary for him to attend us. The third was
 “ a Gentleman of the City of *Toulouse*, whose
 “ Case was the most complicated I had yet seen.

“ As this last was obliged to come to *Paris*, I
 “ will come to the four Patients who increased our
 “ Number at *Bordeaux*. The first was the Valet
 “ de Chambre of M——, Gentleman, troubled
 “ for twenty-three Years with a virulent Gleet,
 “ Strangury, and frequent Suppressions. The se-
 “ cond was M——, Merchant, whose Situation
 “ for seven Years was much like the last. The
 “ two others were Officers of *Château Trompette*:
 “ One

“ One of them had suffered for thirty-seven Years an
 “ almost constant Strangury, and frequent Suppres-
 “ sions. The other had, from several Gonorrhœas,
 “ a Gleet of twenty Years standing, with a great
 “ Difficulty of making Water. Mr. *Daran* began
 “ with them at their very first Application to him,
 “ and attended them during his short Stay at
 “ *Bourdeaux*; and then gave them Directions how
 “ to go on after his Departure; which they fol-
 “ lowed with so much Success, that they informed
 “ him of their Cure by Letters of Thanks. In a
 “ Word, I have not seen a Patient who has not al-
 “ ready got his Cure, except the Gentleman whom
 “ I have mentioned above. This Gentleman, be-
 “ sides the long Continuance of his Complaint,
 “ which consisted in a most cruel Strangury, had
 “ four Fistulas, which rendered his Situation very
 “ deplorable. Such a Cure required a long time,
 “ and could not be effected but under the constant
 “ Attendance of the Operator: It would, however,
 “ have been completed by this time, if it had not
 “ been for a sad Accident which had like to have
 “ deprived us of Mr. *Daran*.

“ Upon our Arrival at *Orleans*, he unluckily
 “ got a violent Fall in getting out of his Post-
 “ Chaise, and bruised his Right Hand in such a
 “ manner, that he was rendered incapable of acting
 “ for some time. Notwithstanding this Accident,
 “ this Patient is now almost cured; he has made
 “ Water for some Days in a full Stream, and his
 “ Fistulas are almost closed. This Cure will make
 “ the more Noise in the World, as the Patient has
 “ been visited by Mr. *Pouffe*, Father and Son, and
 “ Mr. *Boyce*, Regent Doctors of the Faculty of
 “ *Paris*. Mr. *Puzos*, Surgeon, has likewise seen
 “ him and examined him. To conclude, Mr.
 “ *Daran* receives no Patient without having a
 “ Physician or Surgeon to attest his Case, that the
 “ People

“ People of the Profession may judge, themselves,
 “ of the good effects of his Method.

“ Notwithstanding the length of this Letter, I
 “ flatter myself, that it will not be displeasing to you,
 “ as it will serve, to you, as a confirmation that Sur-
 “ gery has, at last, made up the deficiency of a
 “ Branch it stood in so great need of, and which is
 “ of such great consequence.

“ I have the honour to be, with the most profound
 “ respect,

“ S I R,

“ Paris, Nov. 12.

“ 1745.

“ *Your most humble,*

“ *and obedient Servant,*

“ BOYER.”

This Letter contains an exact Relation of my Journey, except one Cure which M. *Boyer* does not mention, because I had undertaken it before his application to me: It will constitute the 9th Relation; and the following will contain a more particular account of those which M. *Boyer* does but mention.

C A S E 9.

A Gentleman of *Avignon* apply'd to me, as I pass'd thro' that City, and follow'd me to *Montpellier*. I had the good fortune, during the short stay I made there, to put him in a condition of completing his Cure, by the help of some Remedies I left him: It was perfected in seventy-eight Days. This Patient had for three Years a Gonorrhœa, which no Remedy could cure. It is true, he made Water in a full Stream, but the general Ulceration of the excretory Ducts of the Glands of the *Urethra*, and of the Prostates

Prostates themselves, which I was made sensible of by my Sounds, threaten'd him with very bad Accidents.

C A S E 10.

M. Merchant of *Montpelier* (this is the first M. *Boyer* mentions), had, in consequence of several Gonorrhœas, a great difficulty of making Water, attended with much Heat; and no kind of Medicines had ever procur'd him any relief for these complaints: They were owing to two Obstacles in the *Urethra*. He was oblig'd to follow me as far as *Narbonne*. He was longer under my care than I expected, by his being seiz'd with an inflammatory Swelling of the Testicles, during the use of my Remedy, which imposthumated, on account of his irregularity, and neglect of a proper Regimen. He was, however, radically cur'd in eighty-eight Days.

C A S E 11.

The Chevalier of was one of the Patients who consulted me at *Montpelier*. He had been troubled with a purulent Gleet for ten Years, which the most skilful Practitioners of that City had not been able to suppress: The most remarkable circumstance was, that, tho' his complaint had continu'd so long, the *Urethra* was perfectly free; for there were only some Ulcers on the excretory Ducts of *Cowper's* Glands. I immediately apply'd my Remedies to him, and they were so happy in their Operation, as to permit him to stay at home. I left him what was necessary, with sufficient directions; and sixty-seven Days after he was intirely cur'd.

C A S E

C A S E 12.

M. B. Merchant of *Montpelier*, in consequence of several Gonorrhœas, had, in the *Urethra*, several Obstacles, and a virulent Gleet, which had continu'd five or six Years without his having receiv'd the least assistance from an infinity of Remedies, which had been administred by the best Practitioners. He found no help against total Suppressions, with which he had been several times afflicted, but in leaden Probes. I began his Cure at *Montpelier*, and he follow'd me as far as *Toulouse*, his Cure not being sufficiently advanced at *Narbonne* for me to think him in a condition to complete it himself with the Remedies and Instructions I should give him. He return'd home when I left *Toulouse*, and was perfectly cur'd in the *September* following.

C A S E 13.

I began, likewise, at *Montpelier*, the Cure of M. B. Merchant of the same City, nearly of the same Age with the preceding; viz. between Thirty-five and Thirty-six. He had labour'd, for ten Years, under a cruel Strangury, and obstinate Gleet, and discharg'd his Water only drop by drop, and not without wringing and pressing the *Penis*, to get it out: These Complaints, the effect of several Gonorrhœas, which had caus'd many Suppressions, without his ever having been able to get the Cause remov'd, oblig'd him to put himself under my care. He had several Obstructions, which almost clos'd up the *Urethra*. This Patient, as well as the preceding, was oblig'd to attend me as far as *Toulouse*: I then put him in a condition to treat himself. The care he took to observe my directions, was rewarded by a quick and perfect Cure.

C A S E

C A S E 14.

M. Counsellor of the Court of Aids, put himself under my care, by the advice of M. *Haguenot*, a famous Professor of Physic at *Montpelier*. Different Gonorrhœas, which had left a small Gleet, caus'd him a difficulty of making Water, which frequently degenerated into a total Suppression: The Complaint was produced by two Obstacles in the *Urethra*. I propos'd to him, as to the preceding Patient, to follow me as far as *Narbonne*, not thinking his Cure sufficiently advanced to trust him to himself; and M. *Haguenot* gave him the same Advice: Shortly after his return to *Montpelier*, he was taken ill of a Fever, which, I heard, was malignant: This prolong'd the Cure: However, it was perfected some time after.

C A S E 15.

Repeated Gonorrhœas had left M. J. Secretary of one of the Sublegates of the Province of *Languedoc*, a difficulty of making Water, attended with smarting Pain, and much Heat; and he had been attack'd with several total Suppressions: He was reduced to so terrible a situation, as not to be able to live as other men, on account of the Complaints which several Obstacles, that contracted the *Urethra*, had occasion'd, particularly for the last seven or eight Years. He was oblig'd to follow me as far as *Bordeaux*; and was cur'd, as the preceding Patients, by my Remedies, and the Directions I gave him.

C A S E 16.

One C. aged forty-five Years, Valet de Chambre to M. T. a Gentleman at *Bordeaux*, had a venereal Gleet, of twenty-three Years continuance,

ance, and several Obstructions in the Passage, which had occasion'd, for the last twelve Years, a constant Strangury, and frequent Suppressions. I apply'd my Remedies to him, immediately after I had search'd him, and left him all that was necessary to complete his Cure; which was completed in four Months. He would certainly have been well sooner, as likewise the three following, if I had had the management of the Remedies myself.

C A S E 17.

M. L..... Merchant, of the same City, aged about twenty-three Years, on account of several Disorders of the *Urethra* occasion'd by Gonorrhœas, had a virulent Running, and such a Contraction of the Passage, that his Water came out like a Thread, or drop by drop, with Straining and Heat: He had likewise had several Suppressions. He was cur'd in much about the same time as the foregoing Patient, by the Remedies I left him; as I departed shortly after I had begun his Cure.

C A S E 18.

M. L..... an Officer of *Château-Trompette*, who was near fifty Years of Age, had, in the Canal, different Obstructions, proceeding from several former Gonorrhœas: These had occasion'd, for twenty-seven Years, a continual Strangury, which had often degenerated into a Suppression. I likewise began the treatment of this Patient at *Bordeaux*, and left him to complete it. He recover'd his Health in something better than three Months.

C A S E 19.

Another Officer, thirty-eight Years old, who serv'd in the Regiment of P..... and whom I
also

also met with at *Château-Trompette*, had a virulent Gleet for ten or twelve Years, and a great difficulty of making Water, which several Salivations had not reliev'd. He was cur'd, by the Remedies I left him, in much the same time as his friend.

M. Boyer says, by mistake, that this last was an Officer of *Château-Trompette*: There are, likewise, in the Dates of the Diseases, some errors, not essential to the truth, but which I thought requisite to correct in my relations; that I might have nothing to reproach myself with.

C A S E 20.

M. D. a Merchant of *Narbonne*, aged about Fifty, had, for about fourteen or fifteen Years, a Difficulty of making Water, in consequence of several Gonorrhœas. When I pass'd thro' that City, it was very severe, particularly for the last twelve Years; and he had been seiz'd with several Suppressions, that lasted from forty to sixty Hours. In one of them he sent to M. *Broqueneau*, a skilful Surgeon of *Montpelier*, who had not been able to introduce the Catheter. His Complaints were owing to several Obstructions in the *Urethra*. He was oblig'd to follow me as far as *Toulouse*, where, finding him in a condition to take care of himself, I sent him back to his own country. He got well in much about the same time as the foregoing Patients. This Person is the same who, by a mistake in M. Boyer's Letter, appears to be a second Patient who follow'd me from *Toulouse* to *Bordeaux*: I add this, that I may not incur the imputation of falshood; tho' I am persuaded it would never be discover'd.

Chirurgical Observations
ON THE
Disorders of the URETHRA.

PART III.

Containing the chief Cures which I perform'd at Paris.

CASE I.

A GENTLEMAN, of the Province of *Languedoc*, aged Fifty-five, contracted a Gonorrhœa in 1730. for which he committed himself to the care of a Surgeon who had cur'd him of two former ones. After an unsuccessful treatment, of six Weeks, he marry'd, upon the Surgeon's assurance that the Running was of no consequence; but, three Years after, he perceiv'd, that the Stream of his Water lessen'd, and that there were many Obstructions in the Canal of the *Urethra*: The Discharge of his Water grew, insensibly, painful and hot; and he had, besides, an ephemeral Fe-

ver, once every Month. Two Years afterwards, the Strangury grew much worse, and the Fever return'd every Fortnight, and the Running stopp'd of itself. In 1740. the *Scrotum* swell'd, impostumated, and there remain'd a *Fistula*: The Patient was then salivated, but, instead of receiving any benefit from it, a new Swelling arose, soon after, near the *Anus*; it impostumated, like the former, and produced a new *Fistula*. The Patient was, at that time, at *Bareges*; but the season not permitting him to stay there long, he attributed to that the little good the Waters had done him: Upon his return, he us'd several Remedies, with no better success; at last, he desisted from every thing, by the advice of the Profession, being told that his Complaint would admit of no radical Cure. The Fever becoming more frequent in 1742. he us'd the Powder of M. *Ailband*, Physician of *Aix*, which did him considerable service; but some medicated Candles, which he us'd by a Surgeon's direction, had not the same effect; for they increas'd the Disorder, instead of lessening it: Upon this, he had again recourse to Patience; but the Disease made such a rapid progress, that, when I saw him, in my way to *Toulouse*, in September 1745. he had five different *Fistulas* in the *Scrotum* and *Perinæum*, and the *Urethra* was full of ulcerated callous Excrescences, which supply'd a purulent Running, and caus'd a difficulty of making Water; frequent feverish attacks, which became every day more and more obstinate, were an addition to his Complaints, and contributed not a little to render his situation more unhappy. As it was impossible for me to get this Patient well enough, in a short time, to be left to himself, I promis'd him an absolute Cure, if he would follow me; he consented to it, seeing the great progress several Patients had made who travell'd with me. I apply'd then my Remedies, and, upon my arrival at *Paris*, I desir'd Messieurs *Pouffe*, Father and Son,
M.

M. Boyer, and M. Puzos, to visit him: If they saw with compassion the deplorable condition of the Patient, it was with admiration they saw, in about two Months and an half afterwards, his six *Fistulas* intirely cicatriz'd, and the *Urethra* so perfectly cleans'd and free, that he made Water in as full a Stream as before the beginning of his Complaint; the periodical Fever had ceas'd; in a word, from that time the Patient enjoys a perfect state of Health.

Certificate of M. Pouffe the Father.

“ I Doctor of Physic, certify, That I was call’d
 “ to examine, at M. *Daran*’s, Surgeon, in Oc-
 “ tober 1745. a Gentleman of the Province of *Lan-*
 “ *guedoc*, aged about Fifty, in whose *Urethra* I ob-
 “ serv’d five *Fistulas*, all attended with Callosities,
 “ and considerable Hardness, thro’ which the Urine
 “ drain’d itself; and that about two Months and an
 “ half afterwards all these Callosities and *Fistulas*
 “ were perfectly cur’d, the *Penis* having recover’d
 “ its natural state and suppleness, and the Patient
 “ making Water in a full Stream.

“ Paris, Jan. 26.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ *Pousse the Father.*”

Certificate of M. Boyer.

“ I Doctor Regent, of the Faculty of Physic of
 “ *Paris*, and Physician in Ordinary to the King,
 “ certify, That, at the end of the Year 1745. I vi-
 “ sited, by the desire of M. *Daran*, Surgeon in Or-
 “ dinary to the King, M. *De L* a Gentleman
 “ of *Languedoc*, of whom mention is made in

“ *Case 1.* who had in the *Perinæum* and *Scrotum*
 “ five *Fistulas*, thro’ which all his Urine drain’d it-
 “ self; that the edges of these *Fistulas* were callous,
 “ and inverted; that the Canal of the *Urethra* was
 “ so clos’d up, that we could hardly get the Probe
 “ an Inch up, which Obstruction reach’d almost to
 “ the Root of the *Glans*. I will ingenuously con-
 “ fess, that however well attested are the Cures
 “ which *M. Daran* did at *Marseilles*, and particu-
 “ larly those of the Hatter and Perfumer of *Avig-*
 “ *non*; I could not persuade myself that this Gen-
 “ tleman would have the same fate: How great was
 “ my Astonishment, then, when, after two Months
 “ and an half, I visited him a second time, and found
 “ him as perfectly well as tho’ he had never had any
 “ Complaint! After so surprising a Cure, I dare
 “ promise, there is no Disease of the *Urethra* which
 “ *M. Daran* cannot cure by his new Method; and
 “ that his Discovery is one of the most important
 “ that can ever embellish Surgery.

“ Paris, June 24.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ BOYER.”

C A S E 2.

The Chevalier Captain, aged forty-five
 Years, contracted in 1736. a Gonorrhœa, which
 discharg’d very plentifully, and was attended with
 very severe Pains in making Water, which increas’d,
 notwithstanding a treatment of three Months, so as
 to become continual, and the Stream of his Urine
 sensibly diminish’d. He was then advis’d to drink
 the Waters of *St. Pierre*: He drank them for nine
 Days, and they were so far serviceable to him, as to
 enable him to get to *Paris* in quest of assistance. A
 Surgeon, in three Months time, went no farther than
 pressing

pressing down the first Obstructions he met with in the *Urethra*; but he never got over another which hinder'd him from getting to the Bladder, near which it was situated: The Running, in the mean time, continu'd, as before, which engag'd the Patient to try other Remedies, which only created him fresh uneasiness, for ten Months. He apply'd to me *January 11. 1746.* I search'd him, in the presence of young *M. Pouffe*, who felt the first Obstruction, which was three Fingers breadth from the Orifice of the *Urethra*: Having destroy'd it with my Sounds, I found another near it, whence issu'd a virulent Matte, which yielded the obstinate Running: I destroy'd it, also, with my Sounds, and the internal Remedies which I make use of in these Cases: I clear'd away a third Rub, and the Patient was perfectly well in less than three Months. *M. Pouffe* has visited him since his Cure. The three Obstructions were, Excrescences of fungous Flesh.

Certificate of M. Pouffe Jun.

“ I, Doctor Regent of the Faculty of Physic of
 “ *Paris*, Senior Professor of Surgery, and Cen-
 “ for Royal, certify, That the Chevalier *De*
 “ had several Obstructions in the *Urethra*, and a vi-
 “ rulent Running, which, he said, was of ten Years
 “ continuance, in consequence of several Gonor-
 “ rhœas; that I visited him twice in a Retention of
 “ Urine, attended with very bad Symptoms, for
 “ which I directed Bleeding, Half-baths, and other
 “ proper Remedies; but this not being able to pro-
 “ cure him any relief, unless the Cause was remov'd,
 “ he put himself, by my advice, *January 11. 1746.*
 “ under *M. Daran's* care, to be treated according
 “ to his new Method, of which I had already seen
 “ very good effects: Lastly, That I found him
 “ cur'd,

“ cur’d, as the Chevalier aforesaid himself
 “ told me ; having visited him since in another Ill-
 “ ness, that had no relation with the former, and in
 “ which, however, it might have broke out afresh,
 “ if it had not been perfectly carry’d off.

“ Paris, Apr. 17.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ Pousse Jun.”

C A S E 3.

The M... of P..... aged Forty-eight, just after being cur’d of a Gonorrhœa he had contracted at *Paris* in 1724. got a second, which he could never intirely get rid of : He perceiv’d, likewise, some time after, that the Stream of his Urine lessen’d, and that he could not make the last Drops without straining : the difficulty increas’d so much, in time, that he was attack’d with a total Suppression, which gave way, at last, to repeated Bleedings, Bathing, Clysters, and other softening Remedies. He was then directed to the use of the leaden Probe, from which he receiv’d so little advantage, that, in *February* 1742. he was like to die of a total Suppression, which had been preceded by several others. In this condition M. *De la Peyronie*, whom he consulted, advis’d him to put himself under my care. I search’d him, and found in the *Urethra* three callous Excrescences, two of which were round, and one long and flat, on this side the *Verumontanum* : In about two Months time I dissolv’d away these three Callosities with my Sounds and Internals, and the Patient, at the end of that time, inform’d M. *De la Peyronie* of his perfect Cure.

Certi-

Certificate of M. De la Peyronie.

“ I, First Surgeon and Physician to the King in
 “ Consultation, certify, That I saw, and put
 “ under the care of M. *Daran*, the Patient who is
 “ the Subject of the foregoing Relation, afflicted
 “ with Carnosities in the *Urethra*, and a virulent
 “ Gleet; of which he was perfectly cur’d, by the use
 “ of his Remedies.

“ Versailles, Apr. 4.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ LA PEYRONIE.”

C A S E 4.

The B. of aged Fifty-six, contracted in 1730. in a Town in the North, a Gonorrhœa, which was perfectly cur’d in three Months; but he was not so happy in 1733. a treatment of seven Months did not stop a second, which was attended with the severest Symptoms: He perceiv’d, soon after, that the Stream of his Water lessen’d, and that he could not make it without straining: Two Years being elaps’d, and the Symptoms increasing, he came to *Paris*, to get cur’d: Several eminent Persons were consulted, and the Remedies they made use of, one, among the rest, for a Year, were attended with so little success, notwithstanding the hopes they gave him, that in 1743. he had several Suppressions, which continu’d for forty Hours with inexpressible torture. He then had recourse to a Person of the first Reputation, who, indeed, promis’d nothing; and, accordingly, procur’d him no Relief: He was two Years under his care. From hence he look’d upon his Illness as incurable, having kept growing worse

worse for ten Years, in spite of all he had done. When he heard of me, he engag'd M. *Genin*, Physician in Ordinary to the Duke of *Orleans*, to introduce him to me: It was the 6th of *December* 1745. I search'd him, and found an Excrecence of fungous Flesh towards the middle of the *Urethra*, and the *Verumontanum* ulcerated and callous: I treated him according to my Method; but the too long use of Remedies contrary to his complaint made mine much longer necessary; so that he was not cur'd till towards *June* following.

Certificate of M. Sarrau.

“ I, Sworn Surgeon of *St. Come*, certify, That the
 “ B. of had a Retention of Urine,
 “ caus'd by Carnosities in the *Urethra*, which he had
 “ been afflicted with for a long time, notwithstanding
 “ the attempts of the most skilful Persons of
 “ the Profession, who did him no other Benefit
 “ than procuring him a small Relief, at times; which
 “ determin'd him to put himself under the care of
 “ M. *Daran*, Surgeon in Ordinary to the King:
 “ Who intirely cur'd him, by his Method.

“ Paris, Oct. 29.

“ 1747.

“ Sign'd,

“ SARRAU.”

C A S E 5.

The C. of an *English* Officer, forty Years old, contracted in 1714. a Gonorrhœa, which a treatment of six Months did not cure: It yielded, at last, to a Powder he took inwardly, together with Injections. In 1720. he had a Suppression, for which his Surgeons were oblig'd to pass the Catheter; from

from that time he was, every now-and-then, expos'd to the same accident, with Pains not to be express'd: He found no resource against Relapses, but in leaden Probes, which a famous Surgeon gave him; but he had not been able to use this Remedy for a Year; for he could no longer pass them in, without tearing the Obstructions; and Blood follow'd, instead of Urine. This determin'd him to put himself under my care, *February* the 12th, 1746. by the advice of M. *De la Peyronie*. This Gentleman was, besides, recommended to me by a Person of the first Rank, who was then under my care for a Disease of the *Urethra*. I search'd him, and found, towards the middle of the Passage, an Ulcer, with very callous edges, from whence issu'd a purulent Matter. I treated him after my usual Method, and he was cur'd in less than two Months: However, he was greatly alarm'd, a Month after his Cure; a thick Matter, that came from his Bladder, being stopp'd in the Passage, intercepted the Urine, and made him believe, that he had miss'd his Cure. But, having prob'd him, and clear'd away the Obstruction, his fears were immediately quieted; and the advice I gave him, to hinder such another accident, has entirely prevented a return of it.

Certificate of M. De la Peyronie.

“ I, First Surgeon and Physician to the King in
 “ Consultation, certify, That I saw, and com-
 “ mitted to the care of M. *Daran*, the Person men-
 “ tion'd in *Case* the 5th, who had Carnosities in the
 “ *Urethra*, and a virulent Running; which he was
 “ perfectly cur'd of, by the use of his Remedies.

“ Versailles, Apr. 4.

“ 1747.

“ Sign'd,

“ LA PEYRONIE.”

C A S E 6.

M. *Le M.*..... aged Fifty, having contracted a Gonorrhœa about ten or twelve Years ago, put himself under the care of a Physician: After six or seven Months treatment, he came off with a small Gleet. Some time after, he was attack'd with the Strangury, which, he was told, proceeded from a Carnosity that was then growing up. He put himself under the care of a famous Surgeon at *Lyons*, who, after Bleeding and Bathing, introduced into the *Urethra* a Catheter, of a conical shape, which occasion'd an effusion of blood; then leaden Probes, gradually increas'd in size; and, at the same time, attack'd the Running with internal Medicines, and even with mercurial Frictions. He persuaded the Patient to use, every now-and-then, leaden Probes, which he neglected to do, making Water now with ease: But his negligence having given rise to a return of his Illness, and not being able to introduce his Probes, he was oblig'd to have recourse to another Surgeon; who, after the use of Baths, introduced medicated Candles into the *Urethra*, which hurt him greatly: An Abscess was form'd in the *Penis*, and the *Scrotum* inflam'd, which oblig'd him to bleed him six times. Upon his recovery, he made his Water pretty easily for three or four Years, contenting himself with taking Water of White Nettles and Linseed, Bleeding, and Clysters, when his Water came away with difficulty; which quieted the Symptoms for three or four Months: But, tir'd of a Cure intirely palliative, and seeing the Stream of his Water lessen'd to the bigness of a Thread, he put himself under my care, *February* 16. 1746. I search'd him, in the presence of M. *Morand*, and found, towards the middle of the Yard, an Obstruction, which I made that eminent Surgeon sensible of: It yielded, in ten Days, to my Sounds.

I found a second, a Finger's breadth from the former; then a third, near the *Verumontanum*: In twenty-nine Days I destroy'd them all, and the Patient made his Water in a full Stream. He continu'd sixty-eight Days in the use of my internal Remedies and Sounds, and I then got M. *Morand* to attest his Case; but as the Patient was oblig'd to quit *Paris*, I made him take some of my Sounds with him, which I advis'd him to use for some time; which I always do, when the Obstructions are near the *Verumontanum*, because of the tendency those Parts have to contract.

Certificate of M. Morand.

" I, Master in Surgery at *Paris*, of the Royal Academy of Sciences, and of that of Surgery, certify, That I was Witness of the good success of M. *Daran's* Method in the treatment of what is commonly call'd a Carnosity in the *Urethra*, in seven Persons labouring under this Disease.

" Paris, Apr. 1.

" Sign'd,

" 1747.

" MORAND."

C A S E 7.

M. aged Forty, had had several Gonorrhœas: In the Cure of the last he suffer'd a total Suppression of Urine, which was taken off by an emollient Cataplasm under the *Scrotum*. It is to this Gonorrhœa he attributes a Carnosity at the end of the *Glans*, which intercepted the Passage of the Water. Seeing, then, that the diminution of the Stream of it foretold more serious consequences, he put himself under my care, February 16. 1746. I search'd him, in the presence of M. *Morand*: At the

the entrance of that part of the *Urethra* which pierces the *Glans*, a callous Excrescence was so intimately mix'd with the natural Flesh, that it was impossible to distinguish one from the other. I destroy'd it with my Candles, without any loss of the sound Flesh; and, this Obstacle clear'd away, I found another towards the middle of the Passage: It took me up near twenty-nine Days to clear the Passage. On the 30th the Patient made Water in a full Stream. He was perfectly cur'd in sixty-two; and M. *Morand*, whom I desir'd to be present at the Dressing, saw, that the Candle pass'd without Opposition; and learn'd, from the Patient himself, his perfect Cure.

The Certificate of this Case is compris'd in the preceding.

C A S E 8.

M. P. aged Twenty-eight, contracted in 1739. a Gonorrhœa, which, notwithstanding the Remedies that were us'd, kept running for two Years: Three Years after, he had a second, which was never cur'd, and which occasion'd in the *Urethra* Obstructions, which having gradually diminish'd the Stream of the Urine, at last caus'd a total Suppression of it. This accident continu'd three whole Days, and brought the Patient to Death's door; he was in this condition the 12th of *February* 1746. when he put himself under my care, by the advice of M. *Vernage*. The Obstacles in the *Urethra* were not what gave him the greatest Pain; he had been oblig'd to send for a Surgeon, to pass the Catheter, which had torn, with great violence, the first Obstacle, and yet prov'd quite ineffectual: For, notwithstanding all his efforts, he had not been able to get over a second. But tho' no Urine issu'd out, there pour'd down, in the room of it, a great quantity of Blood, and the Passage was fill'd with Clods. The
length

length of time requisite to clear it from them, oblig'd me to get the Patient convey'd to my House. I assiduously labour'd for six Hours, and then had the satisfaction of procuring an issue to the Water: All my friends blam'd me for concerning myself with a Patient consider'd as irrecoverable, as it was venturing my character, particularly in the beginning of an Establishment: But that shall never restrain me, as long as I shall have the least hope of doing good: I know the value of Mens Lives too well, to put my private interest in the Balance with them. So long a Retention having caus'd a Reflux of the Urine into the Blood, it is not to be wonder'd at, that this Patient had a violent Fever, with a *Delirium*. M. *Vernage* attended him, with his usual Prudence; and in ten Days he was out of danger: I then began with my treatment. The first Obstacle yielded in twelve Days; but the laceration, or false Passage, the Catheter had made near the second, render'd it so obstinate, that I could not get the better of it in less than three Months: I had, at length, the satisfaction of making the Patient quite well.

Certificate of M. Vernage.

“ I Doctor Regent of the Faculty of Physic of
 “ *Paris*, certify, That I was desir'd, with M.
 “ *Daran*, Surgeon in Ordinary to the King, in *Fe-*
 “ *bruary* 1746. to go to M. *Sarrau's*, Merchant, to
 “ visit a young Man about twenty-eight Years old,
 “ a Native of *St. Domingo*, who had a Suppression
 “ of Urine of three Days continuance, occasion'd
 “ by Carnosities in the *Urethra* from one or more
 “ Gonorrhœas, for which the most proper Remedies
 “ had been already us'd: A false Passage had also
 “ been made with the Catheter the Surgeon had
 “ attempted to introduce, which had occasion'd so
 “ great

“ great an Hemorrhage, that he was near losing his
 “ Life by it. Mr. *Daran*, having employ’d his
 “ Remedies, recovered him from this miserable
 “ State ; and I have since seen him intirely well of
 “ all his Complaints, out of the Hands of the
 “ afore said Surgeon : In proof whereof I have
 “ signed the present Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, August 12.

“ 1747.

VERNAGE.”

Certificate of Mr. Sarrau.

“ I, Sworn Surgeon of *St. Come*, certify, That
 “ Mr. *P*——, Merchant of the *American*
 “ Islands, was taken with a total Suppression of
 “ Urine in *February* 1746. caused at first by Car-
 “ nosities, consequent upon Gonorrhœas. The
 “ Symptoms running very high, a Resolution was
 “ taken to pass the Catheter, to empty the Bladder,
 “ and relieve the Patient. The Success did not
 “ answer the Expectation ; his Fever increased, a
 “ Delirium came on, and a great Quantity of
 “ Blood was discharged by the *Urethra*. The Pa-
 “ tient was in this dangerous Situation when Mr.
 “ *Daran* was sent for. The better to assist the Pa-
 “ tient, who lived at a great Distance from him,
 “ he had him convey’d to his own House. By
 “ his great Care he procured a Discharge to the
 “ Water ; all the Symptoms ceas’d ; and after-
 “ wards, by the Use of his Method, the Patient
 “ returned home perfectly cured.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, October 29.

“ 1747.

SARRAU.”

C A S E 9.

Mr. de M——, Captain in the Regiment of ———, aged Thirty, had six Gonorrhœas from 1726. to 1743. The first, tho' attended with a Bubo and Chancre, was well cured; the second, which was less dangerous, had the same Issue, and so had the third; but the fourth was of so bad a Nature, that a very long Treatment did not hinder a small Gleet from remaining. The Patient, desirous of being made well, fell into the Hands of a Person who used Astringents with so little Management, that a considerable Inflammation was brought upon the *Abdomen*, with the Iliac Passion, which almost cost the Patient his Life. The fifth Gonorrhœa was pretty well cured, but the Gleet still increased: It became much more considerable after the sixth, which was attended, besides, with very bad Symptoms, viz. an Inflammation of the *Scrotum*, and a Tumor in the *Perinæum*, which opened of itself at *Plombiers*, where he had been advised to drink the Waters: He then perceived, that his Urine came thro' the Opening; as it was too small, it was thought proper to dilate it; and a Fistula resulted from it, with very considerable Hardness, which occasioned fresh Accidents, as a Suppression of Urine, and an Inflammation of the *Abdomen*. I searched the Patient, who was come from *Strasbourg* to put himself under my Care, in the Presence of Mr. *Pouffe* junior; and found, before I came to the Fistula, which was a little on this Side the *Verumontanum*, three different Obstructions: I likewise perceived, that there was a constant Running of virulent Matter from the *Urethra*. I applied my Remedies, and in nine Weeks he returned home perfectly cured.

Certificate of Mr. Pouffe junior.

“ I, Doctor Regent of the Faculty of Physic of
 “ Paris, Senior Professor of Surgery, and
 “ Censor Royal, certify, That I saw in the Month
 “ of *January*, 1746. at Mr. *Daran's*, M———,
 “ a Captain in the Regiment of ———, who had
 “ in the *Urethra* several Carnosities which obstructed
 “ the Passage of the Urine, and forced it to drain
 “ itself thro’ a Fistula that was in the *Perineum* :
 “ That some Months after, I was sent for, before
 “ his Departure, and found him cured of his Fistula,
 “ and making Water with Ease : In Proof whereof
 “ I have signed the present Certificate.

“ Paris, May 4.
 “ 1747.

Signed,

“ *POUSSE junior.*”

C A S E 10.

M—— C——, aged Twenty-eight, came expressly from *Toulouse* to put himself under my Care. He had had four Gonorrhœas, the first of which did not appear of thirteen Days ; and, after eight Months Treatment, he had still a small Gleet left behind. A second, that was six Months in being cured, remedied this Inconvenience. The third was more severe than the other two. The Patient took Medicines, without Success, for a whole Year, and perceived likewise a Diminution of the Stream of his Urine. Notwithstanding his Condition, he did not desist from the Pleasures of Love ; but he paid dear for them ; for in the very Action a Vessel broke, which occasioned a Discharge of about two Pounds of Blood from the *Urethra*. The Hemorrhage

rhage was stopt at last by the internal Use of Spirit of Vitriol in Purslane Water. Shortly after, the left Testicle swelled, and the Tumor was dissolved by the Application of the *Emplastr. Vigon. Quadruplicato Mercurio*; but the Running, and Difficulty of making Water, still continued, till Mercurial Frictions were administred, which made him discharge his Urine with Ease. Unhappily this Calm was not of a long Continuance; a fourth Gonorrhoea rendered his Situation worse than ever it had been; for, notwithstanding the Administration of an Infinity of Remedies, the Running, and Difficulty of making Water, remained, and the Testicles swelled every now-and-then. He had in *January 1746.* several smart Attacks of *Ischury*, which left a frequent Inclination of making Water. He used likewise medicated Candles, which did him more Harm than Good. He had his Testicles swelled, and an Hardness in each of them, when he put himself under my Care *March 13. 1746.* I searched him the 14th in Presence of Mr. *Genin*, and found, in the Middle of the Passage, a little Ulcer which supplied a virulent Matter, and behind which was a callous Excrecence, so hard, that I was near forty Days in melting it down: When it was destroy'd, the Patient made Water in a full Stream; and, after a Treatment of thirty-five Days, I got Mr. *Boyer*, Physician in ordinary to the King, to attest his perfect Cure, Mr. *Genin* being absent when the Patient set out for his own Country.

Certificate of Mr. Boyer.

“ I Physician in ordinary to the King, certify,
 “ That in about two Months Mr. *Daran* cured
 “ of an Heat of Urine, Strangury, and *Stillicidium*
 “ *Urinae*, the Effect of several Carnosities in the
 “ *Urethra*, which had obliged him to come from the

" Extremity of *Languedoc* to this Surgeon, Mr.
 " C——, the Subject of Case the 10th.

" Paris, July 4.

Signed,

" 1747.

" BOYER."

C A S E II.

Mr. P——, sixty Years old, had in the Year 1700. a Gonorrhoea, which he thought well cured; but in the Year 1708. he felt some Heat, which kept increasing; and at the same time the Stream of his Urine sensibly lessened. He was searched by a Surgeon, who found in the Passage a Carnosity; and he thought, that he had got rid of it, having continued for six Months to make Water without any Difficulty; but before the Year was out, the Stream was not half its usual Bigness. In 1729. he had the first Suppression; it lasted five or six Hours, and gave Way upon once bathing. Some time after he observed in his Urine some whitish Filaments. From this time to 1741. he had several total Suppressions. In that Year he observed, that the Canal was much contracted, and that the Quantity of Filaments increased. In 1745. he perceived a considerable Discharge of purulent, clear, whitish Matter. In February 1746. he had a total Suppression, which was followed by three others; each of them lasted five or six Hours, and he actually had a Suppression when I was desired to see him, which I did in Presence of Mr. *Castaignet*, his Surgeon, who had used the common emollient Medicines to no Purpose. I found in the Passage several fungous Excrescences, which did not hinder me from procuring a Discharge to the Urine in a few Minutes. The next Day I began to treat him
 after

after my Method; and in three Months he was perfectly cured.

Certificate of Mr. Castaignet.

“ I, Master Surgeon of *Paris*, certify, That I
 “ saw and examined Mr. *P——*, before he
 “ put himself under Mr. *Daran*’s Care, who treated
 “ him for a Difficulty of making Water, occa-
 “ sioned by several Obstacles in the Passage from
 “ whence the Urine issued in a Stream not exceed-
 “ ing the Bigness of a Thread, and for being as
 “ liable to total Suppressions: He had one so vio-
 “ lent when Mr. *Daran* first saw him in my Pre-
 “ sence, that his Life was in great Danger. Mr.
 “ *Daran* relieved him in a few Minutes. He
 “ had, besides, a Running of purulent Matter.
 “ I saw him two Months after, making Water in
 “ a full Stream, and without Pain; and he was
 “ perfectly cured of all his Complaints: In Proof
 “ whereof I have given this present Certificate,
 “ to be made use of as Occasion shall require.

“ Signed,
 “ *Paris*, Nov. 27.
 “ 1746. CASTAIGNET.”

C A S E 12.

March the 25th, 1746. Mr. *de Lapeyronie* sent me *M—— de L——*, an Officer in the King’s Body Guards, aged thirty-five; who honestly confessed to me, that he had fewer Claps than he deserved, having only had three, the first of which was the most obstinate, and lasted him eighteen Months; the second two; and the third two and an half. Altho’ he had reason to believe himself perfectly cured,

the Stream of his Urine lessened in such a manner, that he had a Suppression, for which he was obliged to have the Catheter passed up, which the Obstacles of the *Urethra* made very difficult and painful. From that time his Urine came out like a small Thread, and often Drop by Drop. I searched him, and found an ulcerated callous Excrescence near the excretory Ducts of *Cowper's* Glands. A few Days after, I discovered a second, at a very small Distance from the first. I treated him after my Method; an abundant Suppuration lasted near two Months. He was perfectly cured at the end of fourscore Days, and went to certify his Cure to the Gentleman who sent him to me.

Certificate of M. de Lapeyronie.

“ I, First Surgeon and Physician to the King in
 “ Consultation do certify, That I saw, and put
 “ under the Care of Mr. *Daran*, the Person who
 “ is mentioned in the 12th Case, labouring under
 “ Carnosities in the *Urethra*, and a virulent Gleet,
 “ which he was perfectly cured of by the Use of
 “ his Remedies.

“ Signed,

“ Versailles,

“ April 4. 1747.

LAPEYRONIE.”

C A S E 13.

I am going to relate the History of a Person who had laboured for several Years under a Difficulty of making Water, and Suppressions, which had reduced him to a very melancholy Condition.

M——, aged Sixty-two, contracted a Gonorrhœa, which was treated with the usual Remedies.

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It seemed to yield to them ; however, he perceived that his Water did not come out with the same ease, and the Stream of it diminished daily ; and at the end of seven or eight Months he could not make Water without Pain, and feeling a Smarting and Heat in the *Urethra*. He then applied to a Surgeon, who had a Name for these Disorders ; the Patient used all the Remedies that were directed him ; but they did not remove the Pain or Smarting. Seeing their Inefficacy, he left them off, and trusted his Complaint to Nature ; but he received no more Benefit from it ; for, five or six Months after his leaving off all Medicines, he was taken with a total Suppression, which lasted him between five and six Hours. Baths and other relaxing Means were made use of, which relieved him ; but the Running became more plentiful afterwards. He used Ptisans, and other Drinks which were ordered him. All these Remedies did not secure him from a second Suppression, which was more terrible than the first ; and he was obliged to bleed, to use Baths, and a variety of other Remedies. The Suppression went off ; but the Smarting of Water still continued very obstinate. He was desirous of trying once more to prevent a Return of these frightful Suppressions, and to take off this Difficulty of making Water, which tormented him so cruelly : For this Purpose he applied to another Surgeon, under whose Care he continued five or six Months, and used every Remedy that was directed him. He continued all this time without any bad Accident, and suffered even less ; and he began to flatter himself that his Misfortunes were now at an end, when he was seized with so considerable a Retention for ten or twelve Hours, that he could only make Water Drop by Drop, with great Straining. He was obliged again to have recourse to Bleeding, Baths, and other relaxing Methods, which somewhat abated

the Disorder ; however, he was some Days in a very painful State : His Pains diminished by degrees, and he found himself in the same Condition as before he had taken his Remedies, that is to say, making Water with Smarting and Pain, which increased upon the least Excess, and rendered his Life very disagreeable to himself, being deprived of the Company of his Friends. He remained in this Situation a Year. The Running was now stopt, and he would have been content to remain in this Condition, melancholy as it was ; but his Disease had made too great a Progress ; he was again seized with a total Suppression, which yielded, however, to softening Remedies, and the Running appeared again. He had then no other Resource but a strict Regimen : He left off Wine, which he did with much regret ; but his Disease was come to such a height, as to oblige him to use no other Drink but Ptisan. He was forced to take a Journey. The Fatigue made him worse. He consulted, in the different Places he went thro', the Gentlemen of the Profession ; and, finding them all ordering the same Remedies, he used none at all : It would have been to no Purpose to try them over again, as they had all hitherto failed ; he was determined to do nothing, when he heard, that I was at *Paris*, where I treated this Disease after a new Method ; and he was persuaded to put himself under my Care, by several Persons whom I had cured of the same Disorder, and who inspired him with a proper Confidence in my Remedy. What determined him still more, was a total Suppression in *February 1746*. He sent for me first to let out the Water ; and then, examining well the *Urethra*, I perceived several fungous Excrescences, which intercepted the Water, and which immediately yielded to my Sounds ; that is to say, their Swelling ceased, and gave the Water a free Passage ; but this Relief had been but small,

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if I had not attacked the Cause of the Complaint. I then brought these Excreescences to Suppuration, by the means of my Sounds, which were so happy in their Operation, that in a few Days the Urine came away freely, all the Symptoms were gone in three Months, and the Patient able to drink Wine without any Inconvenience. He has been perfectly well these two Years, as the following Certificate will shew.

Certificate of Mr. Bagieu.

“ I, Surgeon-Major of the *Gens d’Armes* of the
 “ King’s Guard, certify, That I saw and que-
 “ stion’d M——, mentioned in *Case* the 13th,
 “ who told me, that he had had several total Sup-
 “ pressions of Urine, caused by considerable Ob-
 “ structions in the *Urethra*, which occasioned a
 “ constant Difficulty of making Water, with Heat
 “ and Smarting ; and that the Care of Mr. *Daran*
 “ perfectly cured him of all these Symptoms, which
 “ he has felt nothing of these two Years.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, Jan. 4.

“ 1748.

BAGIEU.”

C A S E 14.

M—— G——, aged sixty-five, contracted in 1734. a Gonorrhœa which continued two Years, and for which he applied to a skilful Surgeon, who stopt it by Injections ; but soon after he observed a Diminution of the Stream of his Urine, which was soon followed by total Suppressions. He used medicated Candles for eighteen Months ; and, receiving no Benefit from them, he went to M——, who did

did him some Service ; but it was of short Duration, and he had afterwards several Suppressions, which he could prevent by no other means than by daily introducing Leaden Probes, which did not hinder a continual heat of Urine. After having suffered for twelve Years, and continually used the Candles, he came to me, recommended by Mr. Boudou, May the 20th, 1746. I searched him, and found in the *Urethra* several Obstructions ; the deepest was a sordid Ulcer with callous Edges, near the *Verumontanum*, which supplied a purulent Discharge. The long Use of Leaden Probes had so hardened the Excrescences and Edges of the Ulcer, that it took me up five Months to cure him perfectly ; in which I succeeded at last, as the following Certificate will serve to shew.

Certificate of Mr. Boudou.

“ I, Surgeon of *St. Côme*, and Surgeon in Chief
 “ of the *Hôtel-Dieu* of *Paris*, certify, That I
 “ saw several times at the *Hôtel-Dieu*, Mr. G——,
 “ who was obliged to have the Catheter passed up
 “ for a Suppression of Urine, owing to Carnosities
 “ in the *Urethra*, which had obliged him to pass
 “ Leaden Probes into the Bladder every Day for
 “ twelve Years. Upon his Application to Mr.
 “ *Daran*, Surgeon in ordinary to the King, he
 “ treated him after his Method, and perfectly cured
 “ him. I ought to add, that he has continued
 “ well a Year.

“ Sign’d,

“ Paris, Nov. 25

“ 1747.

BOUDOU.”

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C A S E 15.

N—— T——, Master-Taylor at *Paris*, aged about thirty-one, perceived fourteen Years ago, without having ever had any knowlege of Women, a Running which stained his Shirt: It was followed by so sensible a Diminution of the Stream of his Water, that it did not exceed the bigness of a small Thread, with great Straining to force it out, and Smarting and Heat in the *Penis*. The Straining was so great, as to occasion a discharge of Blood, which chiefly happened upon free living, and being concerned with Women. He lived in this melancholy way for fourteen Years: Ten Years ago he had a Suppression, which lasted four Hours; seven Years ago he had another, which lasted six Hours; the last he had was the 8th of *November* 1747. He was twice searched, to open a Passage to the Urine; however, it came only drop by drop, and with the greatest Straining. In this Condition he came to me, his Urine likewise coming involuntarily from him. I began with him *November* the 24th, 1747. I searched him in the Presence of Mr. *Dupouy*, Master-Surgeon of *St. Côme*, and found a callous Excrecence at the *Fossa Navicularis*; a second of the same Nature in the middle of the *Urethra*; and a fordid Ulcer near the Sphincter of the Bladder, whence proceeded a yellowish Pus. He was perfectly cured in about three Months.

Certificate of Mr. Dupouy.

“ I Master-Surgeon of *St. Côme*, certify, That in
 “ *November* 1747. I was desired by Mr. *Daran*,
 “ Surgeon in ordinary to the King, to come to his
 “ House to see Mr. T——, aged about thirty-
 “ three, who was come to put himself under his
 “ Care.

“ Care. He had a Running, which he told me
 “ came upon him before he had any Concerns with
 “ Women, and which had so streightened the *Ure-*
 “ *thra*, that he made his Water in a Stream not
 “ exceeding the bigness of a Thread, with
 “ great Straining, and very smart Pain : He like-
 “ wise told me, that he had had several total Sup-
 “ pressions : He added, that his Urine sometimes
 “ came away involuntarily. About three Months
 “ after, I saw him perfectly cured of all his Com-
 “ plaints, and in good Health : In Proof whereof
 “ I have signed this Certificate, to serve as Occa-
 “ sion shall require.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, Jan. 6.

“ 1748.

DUPOUY.”

C A S E 16.

Mr. C——, aged forty-five, a Merchant at
 B——, from 1722. to 1727. had four Gonor-
 rhœas : The three first were very well cured ; and
 the fourth left a great Difficulty in making Water,
 for which he used, to no purpose, a Leaden Probe
 every other Day for near a Year. He was obliged
 to have recourse to the same palliative Method after
 a sixth Gonorrhœa, which had increased the Diffi-
 culty, and rendered the Pain of making Water more
 severe. Relieved by their Use, he neglected to
 continue them. The Urine some time after being
 nearly supprest, and the Pains reaching to the
Anus, he was salivated ; but the Introduction of the
 Lead was not rendered more easy. He was a Month
 before he could succeed ; every Trial caused the most
 acute Pain, and the Loss of above a Glass of Blood :
 At last the Probe entered into the Bladder ; but he
 still made Water with difficulty, and the Passage was
 still

still obstructed. Tired with this fruitless Method, he applied to Mr. *Recolin*, who persuaded him to put himself under my Care : I searched him in his Presence *April* the 18th, 1746. and found a fungous Excrecence near the *Verumontanum*, and an Ulcer at the *Fossa Navicularis*, which supplied a virulent Discharge. I treated the Patient after my Method, and in twenty-nine Days dissolved the Excrecence, and deterged the Ulcer ; but the Solutions of Continuity were not perfectly healed till three Months after. The Facts related in this History are attested in the following Certificate.

Certificate of Mr. Recolin.

“ I, Surgeon to the King’s Household, certify,
 “ That I was consulted by Mr. C——,
 “ Merchant of B——, last Year in *November*,
 “ concerning a Stoppage of Urine, which he had
 “ laboured under for a great while, in Consequence
 “ of several Gonorrhoeas, which had left Obstructions
 “ in the *Urethra*. He told me likewise, that he
 “ had for a long time used Leaden Probes, which
 “ gave him Relief in making him discharge his
 “ Water with somewhat more Ease ; but that a
 “ frequent Occasion to make Water, an Incapacity
 “ sometimes to retain it, and the other Accidents
 “ which attend this Illness, had almost constantly
 “ afflicted him for fifteen Years ; that he was very
 “ uneasy at his Situation, making Water in a small
 “ Stream, and frequently drop by drop. I carried
 “ him to Mr. *Daran* last *April*, who, after ex-
 “ amining him, made him use his Sounds for three
 “ Months, with the other Remedies he uses
 “ in these Diseases. I attended the Cure, and saw,
 “ that the more he used his Remedies, the better
 “ he made his Water. It is about two Months
 “ since he left Mr. *Daran*, whom he is highly
 “ con-

“contented with. I saw him To-day make Water
 “in a full Stream, and he assured me, that he felt
 “no Obstacle in his *Urethra*, nor any Disposition
 “to have them return as before, when he used
 “other means to restore the Passage to its natural
 “State.

“Signed,

“Paris, Oct. 8.

“1746.

RECOLIN.”

C A S E 17.

The whole Life of the Marquis de V——, Captain of a Ship, aged forty-six, from 1720. to 1742. according to his own Declaration, was but one continual Succession of Claps, and other Venereal Disorders; cured, some well, and some ill; and one was intirely left to itself. The next, contracted in 1739. and treated with Injections of Wine and Sugar, produced Carnosities, which kept increasfing ever since, and a Running, attended with great Heat. A Salivation administred for a Gonorrhœa, with an Obstacle at the Entrance of the *Urethra*, did not suppress the Running. The Stoppage constantly increasfing, a thousand Remedies were used without Success. Finding himself at last cruelly afflicted with heat of Water, and uneasy about the Diminution of the Stream of it, the Continuance of the Running, and the Interception of the *Semen*, he again tried Mercurial Frictions; and having found no Benefit from them, he consulted Mr. de Lapeyronie, who advised him to give me his Confidence, and recommended him particularly to me May the 4th, 1746. Upon searching him, I found the Passage full of fungous Excrescences, and a very sordid Ulcer near the *Verumontanum*. Three Months after he had used my Reme-

Remedies, he waited again upon Mr. *de Lapeyronie*, perfectly cured ; which the following Certificate attests.

Certificate of Mr. de Lapeyronie.

“ I, First Surgeon and Physician to the King in
 “ Consultation, do certify, That I saw, and put
 “ under the Care of Mr. *Daran*, the Person men-
 “ tioned in the 17th Case, who had Carnosities in the
 “ *Urethra*, and a virulent Running ; of which he
 “ was perfectly cured by the Use of his Reme-
 “ dies.

“ Signed,

“ Versailles, April 4.

“ 1747.

LAPEYRONIE.”

C A S E 18.

Mr. *du B*——, aged fifty, contracted in 1724.
 a Gonorrhœa, which, tho’ treated methodically,
 continued running for five or six Years, and then
 stopt ; but a Year after, the Stream of his Urine
 lessened, and the slimy Matter with which it was
 loaded, caused a total Suppression, which continued
 twenty-four Hours, and was cured by the usual Me-
 thod. Six Months passed pretty quietly ; but from
 that time, the glewy Matter increasing, caused fre-
 quent Retentions, sometimes of a shorter, sometimes
 of a longer Continuance, but always increasing in
 Pain, because the Passage became more and more
 streightened. He lived in this Condition till 1746.
 and had in the Month of *March* a total Suppression,
 extremely painful, caused by the viscid Matter
 which intercepted the Urine. It was very difficult
 to procure a Discharge to the Water ; and, an infi-
 nity of Remedies having been used, without less-

ening the Cause of the Complaint, Mr. *Boyer* did me the Honour to engage the Patient to put himself under my Care ; which he did *April* the 8th, 1746. Upon searching him I found fungous Excrescences in the Passage, and a sordid Ulcer near the excretory Ducts of the Seminal Vesicles, whence had proceeded, for many Years, a virulent Matter. I used my Remedies, and he was cured in four Months. A Month after, he had a considerable Swelling in the right Testicle, which those Persons he consulted treated as a very serious Matter : However, it yielded to a few proper Remedies which I directed.

Certificate of Mr. Boyer.

“ I, Physician in ordinary to the King, attest,
 “ that for above twelve Years I had the Care
 “ of the Subject of the 18th Case, for a Disease
 “ occasioned by ulcerated Carnosities in the *Urethra*,
 “ Heat of Urine, a Stoppage of it, and a considerable Running of tough, purulent Matter ; all
 “ which Symptoms disappeared by the Use of Mr.
 “ *Daran's* Remedies ; and that for above a Year
 “ he has felt none of his former Complaints.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, October 10.

“ 1747.

BOYER.”

Certificate of Mr. Procope Couteau.

“ I, Doctor Regent of the Faculty of Physic in the
 “ University of *Paris*, formerly Professor of the
 “ Schools, and actually Professor of Surgery in the
 “ *French* Language, certify, That all the Contents
 “ of the 18th Case, concerning the Disease and
 “ Cure

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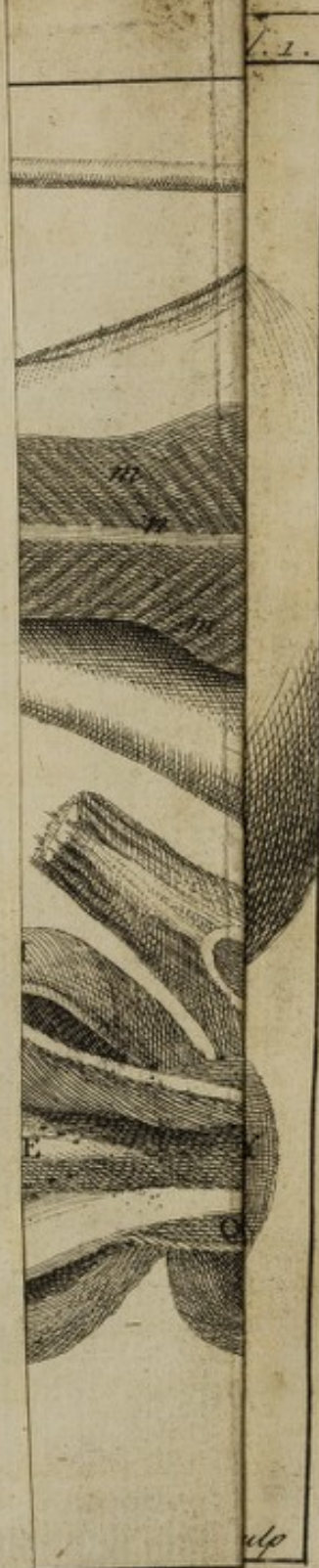
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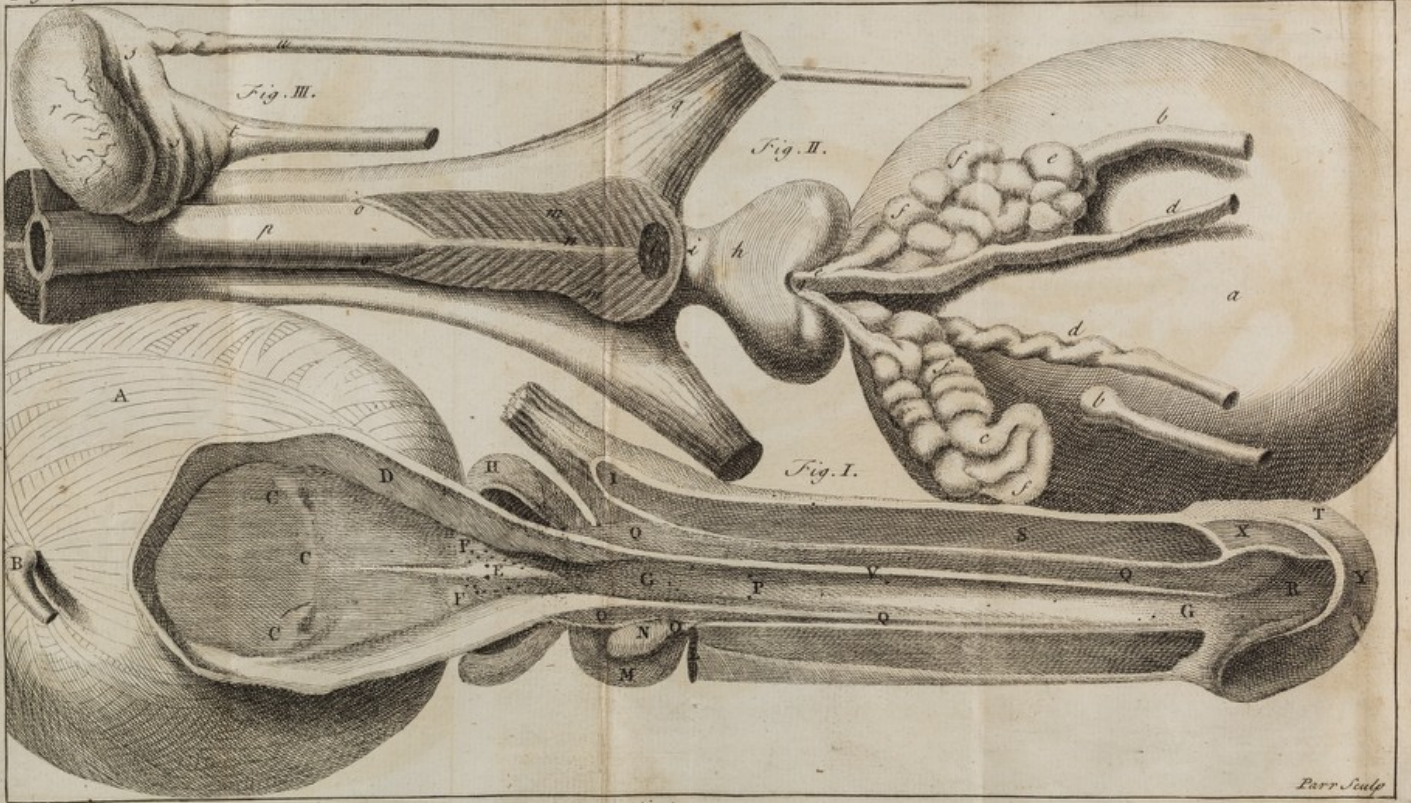
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*A Representation of the Parts of Generation
proper to Men.*

FIGURE I.

REPRESENTS the Bladder partly laid open on its anterior Part, the Prostate Gland cut through above the *Corpora Cavernosa*, and the *Urethra* in its whole Extent.

- A* The Bladder.
- B* The *Urachus*.
- C* The Openings of the Ureters with the transversal Folding of the internal Membrane of the Bladder.
- D* Part of the Bladder turn'd up.
- E* The Eminence called *Caput Gallinaginis*, on each Side of which are the two Openings of the *Vasa Deferentia*.
- F* The Openings of the several Ducts of the *Prostatæ*.
- G* The *Urethra* laid open in its whole Length, with the *Lacunæ*.
- H* Parts of the *Prostatæ* cut thro' at the Beginning of the *Urethra*.
- I* The Beginning of one of the *Corpora Cavernosa*, with the Erector Muscle.
- L* Part of the *Corpus Cavernosum* of the other Side.
- M* Part of the Bulb of the *Urethra*.
- N* One of *Cowper's* Glands.
- O* Its excretory Duct.
- P* The two Openings of the Excretory Ducts of *Cowper's* Glands.
- Q* The Spungy Texture of the *Urethra* in its whole Length.
- R* The *Fossa Navicularis*.
- S* The *Corpora Cavernosa* laid open, to shew their internal Texture, resembling Net-work.
- T* The *Glans*.
- V* That Part of the *Urethra* where the Incision was made.
- X* The spungy Texture of the *Glans*.

FIGURE II.

Represents the hinder Part of the Bladder, and the under Part of the *Penis*.

- a* The Bladder with its external Membrane.
- b* The Ureters, and their Insertions.
- c* The *Vesiculæ Seminales*.
- d* The *Vasa Deferentia*.
- e* The Communication of the *Vasa Deferentia* with the *Vesiculæ Seminales*.
- f* The Circumvolutions of the *Vesiculæ*.

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A REPRESENTATION, &c.

- g* The Duct common to the *Vesiculæ* and *Vasa Deferentia*.
- h* The *Prostatæ* without their Membrane.
- i* The membranous Part of the *Urethra*.
- l* The *Acceleratores* cut thro' at their Beginning, which shews the
spongy Texture of the Bulb.
- m* The *Acceleratores* lying upon the Bulb.
- n* The Tendon of the *Acceleratores*.
- o* The Extremities of the *Acceleratores* terminating upon the
Corpora Cavernosa.
- p* The back Part of the *Urethra*.
- q* The Beginning of the *Corpora Cavernosa* with the *Erectores*.

FIGURE III.

Represents the Testicle covered with its Membrane, called
Albuginea.

- r* The Body of the Testicle.
- s* The *Epididymis*.
- t* The spermatic Cord.
- u* The Beginning of the *Vas Deferens*.
- x* The *Vas Deferens*.

The Explanation of some Terms of Art that are met with in this Work.

Dysury, Is a Difficulty of making Water, attended with Pain and Heat; in which, however, the Urine is voided with Interruption, and often in due Quantity.

Ischury, Is a total Suppression of Urine.

Retention of Urine, Has the same Meaning without the foregoing: It is, however, used sometimes in this Work in the room of Strangury, the Word *Ischury* being always applied to those Suppressions which were total.

Strangury, Is a frequent and involuntary Provocation of making Water, in which the Urine, instead of flowing in one continued Stream, is discharg'd by Intervals with much Heat and Pain, in a small Quantity, or only Drop by Drop. There are several Cases in this Work, in which, to avoid Repetition, this Symptom is not mentioned, tho' the Patients were troubled with it.

Urethra, Is a Duct thro' which the Urine is discharged from the Bladder out of the Body.

My want of Health, and other little Occupations, when I first set about this Translation, not allowing me to sit long together at the Work, I got an ingenious Friend of mine to translate for me the following Cases.

“ Cure of M. *Du B* are exactly agreeable to
 “ truth; having seen and visited the Patient, there
 “ mention’d, before and after his Cure; which was
 “ effected by the care of M. *Daran*, Surgeon in Or-
 “ dinary to the King. In Proof whereof, I have
 “ sign’d the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Oct. 22.
 “ 1747.

“ Sign’d,

“ PROCOPE COUTEAU.”

C A S E 19.

In the Month of *April* 1746. M. *Boyer* desir’d me to see M. *De la M* aged Sixty-five, who had labour’d for twenty-four Hours under a total Suppression of Urine, attended with insupportable Pains. My first care was, to discharge the Water; in which I immediately succeeded. The Patient was greatly surpris’d to hear, that the cause of his Disease was a fungous Carnosity, near which was a sordid Ulcer, from which had proceeded, for many Years, a yellowish Gleet; not but that he had run the risque of contracting venereal complaints. He had a Gonorrhœa in 1698. which was follow’d by four more, the last in 1741. but, besides their being of a gentle kind, they had yielded, in about twenty Days, to an antivenereal purgative Powder, which he took every Morning; and to a cooling softening Ptisan: And he had felt none of the usual Fore-runners of an Ischury. I us’d my Remedies, and cur’d him perfectly, in three Months.

Certificate of M. Boyer.

“ I, Physician in Ordinary to the King, certify,
 “ That all that is related in the 19th *Case*, in
 “ regard to M. is exactly true; having
 “ myself

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“ myself directed him to M. *Daran*, Surgeon, while
 “ under a total Suppression of Urine : And he not
 “ only gave him immediate Relief, in discharging
 “ the Water, but perfectly cur’d him, in three
 “ Months.

“ Paris, Sept. 12.

“ 1747.

“ Sign’d,

“ BOYER.”

C A S E 20.

A Gonorrhœa, which M. *Des F..... P.....*
 Merchant of *Lyons*, aged Forty, contracted in 1725.
 and which was attended with an Inflammation in one
 of the Testicles, was never perfectly cur’d: In spite
 of Injections, a small Gleet always remain’d. Two
 Years after, the Urine, the Stream of which sensibly
 decreas’d, came out with much Pain, which put the
 Patient upon using Probes; but, having discontinu’d
 them a Year, and the Stoppage becoming more con-
 siderable, he return’d to them. Not being able to pass
 them, he sharpen’d one, and wounded the *Urethra*
 with it, and this brought on an Abscess in *Perinaeo*:
 After this Abscess was deterg’d and cicatriz’d, the
 Gleet and Stoppage still continu’d; the Patient, upon
 this, was oblig’d to come from *Lyons*, to put himself
 under my care. I search’d him, *March 6. 1746.* in
 the presence of M. *Pouffe* Sen. and found in the
Urethra two Obstructions, and near the *Verumontanum*
 a callous Ulcer, which supply’d the Running
 that had continu’d for twenty Years. About three
 Months were sufficient for me to effect a radical
 Cure, which M. *Pouffe* was Witness of.

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Certificate of M. Pouffe Sen.

“ I, Doctor of Physic, certify, That I saw, in the
 “ House of M. *Daran*, Surgeon in Ordinary to
 “ the King, in *May* 1745. M. *De F.....* Mer-
 “ chant of *Lyons*, in whom I observ’d a Running,
 “ which he said was of more than ten Years conti-
 “ nuance, with Callosities in the Passage, which ob-
 “ structed the Urine which came from him, with
 “ Pain and Straining, as likewise the Introduction of
 “ the Catheter: Between five and six Weeks after,
 “ the Patient made Water in a full Stream, in my
 “ Presence.

“ Paris, Jan. 26.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ *POUSSE Sen.*”

C A S E 21.

The Chevalier *L.....* aged fifty Years, Captain of Horse, had, from 1720. to 1724. three pretty mild Gonorrhœas; the last, out of whim, he suppress’d by Injections: In 1733. he observ’d the Stream of his Urine to lessen, and had a Suppression of it; but it was short. He was advis’d to mercurial Frictions, with design, as he was told, to clear the *Urethra*; the Stream of his Urine, however, became daily less, notwithstanding this Remedy; and, shortly after, he was oblig’d to have recourse to the leaden Probe, to be able to make Water: This preserv’d him free from all accidents till 1743. when he had an intire Stoppage, which oblig’d him to use the Catheter: The rough introduction of it occasion’d a plentiful Hæmorrhage. In *January* 1746. I search’d him, in the presence of M. *Castaignet*, and, besides

several fungous Obstacles in the *Urethra*, I discover'd an Ulcer, which supply'd the Running, and which the Remedies had not stopp'd. I treated him after my Method, and perfected his Cure in less than three Months, without the least accident befalling him. The principal Facts are attested in the following Certificate.

Certificate of M. Castaignet.

“ I, Master Surgeon at *Paris*, certify and declare,
 “ That I saw and examin'd M. *De L.... R....*
 “ Captain in a Regiment of Horse, before he put
 “ himself under the care of M. *Daran*, and found
 “ him labouring under a Stoppage of Urine, occasion'd by several Carnosities in the *Urethra*: His
 “ Water was no bigger than a small Thread: He
 “ had frequently, as he said, total Retentions, and
 “ Hæmorrhages, from the Introduction of the Catheter and leaden Probe, which, on those occasions, he was oblig'd to have recourse to: And I
 “ saw him, three Months after, making Water in a full Stream, and without Pain; and perfectly cur'd
 “ of his Complaints. In Proof whereof, I have
 “ given the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Sept: 7.

“ 1746.

“ Sign'd,

“ CASTAIGNET.”

C A S E 22.

M. *de S..... A.....* Counsellor in Parliament, had, before 1725. several Gonorrhœas: A total Cessation of all Symptoms persuaded him, that he was well cur'd. He contracted another in 1725. The issue of it was very different; the Running never
 ceas'd

ceas'd intirely. This troublesome complaint making him very attentive to every thing relating to the diseas'd Part, he perceiv'd in 1730. a considerable diminution of the Stream of his Urine, and in 1735. a little Tumor immediately under the *Glans*: He then us'd medicated Candles, which, in two Hours time, occasion'd in the *Urethra* such an Inflammation, that the Operator was frighten'd, and shew'd his face no more: In the mean time, the Disease grew upon him, and the Tumor had already acquir'd the size of a Lentil: Such was his condition, when, in 1740. he contracted a fresh Gonorrhœa: He took this opportunity of having both his old and new Symptoms consider'd, and employ'd the most eminent People in *Paris*. Besides the usual Remedies for a Gonorrhœa, he us'd Fumigations, and mercurial Frictions, to resolve the Tumor; *Vigo's* Plaister was worn, three Years together, upon the Part: All these Remedies were equally ineffectual, as to the radical Cure; the Stoppage of Urine increas'd, and the Tumor was become as large as a Garden-Bean. The Patient grew more uneasy, and, not doubting but that it was situated in the *Urethra*, fear'd, with reason, lest in length of time it should stop up the Passage: Such was his condition when he came to me, *November* 12. 1745. Upon searching him, in the presence of M. *Plunkett*, Physician, and M. *Serres*, Master Surgeon of *Montpelier*, I observ'd at the entrance of the Passage a fistulous Opening, which terminated at the Tumor; which persuaded me, that it was external, and, consequently, of less consequence: It was placed at the extremity of the *Corpora Cavernosa*; at the root of the *Glans*, immediately under the *Urethra*, on one side of the *Frænum*. Continuing my examination, I perceiv'd, over-against the root of the *Glans*, outwardly, two other little Openings, thro' which some drops of Urine made their way: I found, besides, the Passage full of

several fungous Excrescences, ranged in order, one after another; these occasion'd the Stoppage. Tho' the Patient was perswaded that all the mischief was owing to the pressure of the Swelling, and that nothing else requir'd to be minded; I thought proper to begin with the Excrescences; and, after a very plentiful Suppuration, I intirely clear'd the Passage: This Operation over, I apply'd myself to the Tumor; I began by introducing, into the two external fistulous Openings, two very small Bougies; and in a few Days, the two Apertures being reduced into one, I saw, with an inexpressible surprize, that the Tumor was caus'd by an encysted Stone, which had, by degrees, grown to that size. It is not my business to decide whether this Stone first began in this place from the tartarous part of the Urine, which, by lodging there, might form a Concretion; or if the Nucleus came from the Kidneys to the Bladder, and stopp'd in the fistulous Opening on the *Urethra*. It appears to me, however, hard to comprehend, that this Nucleus should not have stopp'd in the Bladder, or have been carry'd away in the Stream of Urine, after it had pass'd the Excrescences: Be that as it will, nothing was more easy, than to discharge the Stone; but the Patient was so much afraid of Instruments, that I was oblig'd to go a round-about way to work. I began, however, with having the Case attested, not only by M. *Plunkett*, but by several Patients who were at my House, and likewise by M. *Puzos*. I destroy'd the Cyst, in a few Days, with my Bougies, without giving the Patient the least Pain; and took out the Stone, in the presence of three Officers who had seen it in the Cyst, and seven or eight other Patients who were at my House. This Stone is of an oval figure, and of a brown colour, bordering upon black; it has a pretty smooth surface, is about fifteen lines long, and six broad, and weighs twenty-nine Grains. As I suppos'd, that many
People

People, those of the Profession in particular, would be curious of seeing it, I desir'd the Patient to leave it with me. After the extraction of the Stone, I apply'd myself to the *Fistula* of the *Urethra*: I intirely destroy'd the Cyst, and afterwards procur'd a reunion of the Wound. I was so fortunate, as to restore the Patient to perfect Health in four Months.

Certificate of M. Plunkett.

“ I, Doctor of Physic, certify, That I saw, at M.
 “ *Daran's*, Master Surgeon, M. De S.....
 “ A..... Counsellor in Parliament; who told
 “ me, That he had labour'd, for several Years, under
 “ a purulent Gleet, in consequence of several Gonorrhœas;
 “ and likewise under a considerable diminution
 “ of the Stream of his Urine, which was
 “ caus'd by Obstructions in the *Urethra*, and a little
 “ Swelling beneath the *Glans*; which was, at first,
 “ imperceptible, and became afterwards of the size
 “ of a large Bean, the Patient having given me
 “ leave to see it: That, to be cur'd of these Disorders,
 “ he had taken, by the advice of the most eminent
 “ Persons of the Profession, all the properest Remedies,
 “ to no purpose; but that he hop'd a better success
 “ from those of M. *Daran*, to whose care he was come
 “ to commit himself. After some time, I was again sent
 “ for, by the aforesaid M. *Daran*, to observe, that he
 “ had found the Tumor, mention'd above, to be a Stone,
 “ form'd in that part; which surpris'd me greatly. Being
 “ occasionally, some time after, at M. *Daran's*, when
 “ he was dressing this Patient, I saw the Stone taken
 “ out; as did also several Patients, without his being
 “ put to the least Pain: I have since seen this Patient
 “ perfectly well cur'd of his Running, of the Obstructions
 “ of the *Urethra*, and of the *Fistulas*

“ *stulas* occasion’d by the Stone. In Proof of
 “ which, I have sign’d this Certificate, to serve, as
 “ Occasion shall require.

“ Paris, March 29.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ PLUNKETT, M. D.”

Certificate of M. Serres.

“ I, Sworn Master Surgeon of *Montpelier*, certify,
 “ That I lately saw a Letter of M. Coun-
 “ sellor in Parliament, whose Case I saw, at the time
 “ he put himself under M. *Daran*, the last time I
 “ was at *Paris*; wherein he informs me of his per-
 “ fect Cure, not only of the Disorders of the *Ure-*
 “ *thra*, but likewise of a pretty considerable Tu-
 “ mor which he had at the extremity of the *Corpora*
 “ *Cavernosa*, immediately under the *Glans*, on one
 “ side of the *Frænum*. I am inform’d, that that
 “ Tumor was caus’d by a real Stone form’d in that
 “ place by the Urine which had found a Passage
 “ there, by means of a *Fistula* in the *Urethra*. I
 “ certify, That this Patient writes me word, That
 “ Mr. *Daran* shew’d this Stone to M. *Puzos*, an
 “ eminent Man-midwife, and nine Patients who
 “ were at his House, three of whom were Officers
 “ of Distinction; and that he extracted it with the
 “ greatest dexterity, without making any Incision:
 “ And, after having deterg’d the Cyst, and procur’d
 “ a good Cicatrix, restor’d the Patient to a perfect
 “ and intire Health.

“ Montpelier,

“ Signed,

“ March 25.

“ 1746.

“ SERRES.”

CASE

M. D..... aged Thirty-five, Captain in the Regiment of contracted a very bad Gonorrhœa, with a *Phimosis*: A very methodical treatment, which lasted six Months, did not stop the Gonorrhœa; but the *Phimosis* was cur'd, without the Operation. The Method was then changed, and Injections us'd; but all were equally ineffectual, altho' continu'd for four Months, and tho' the Patient strictly abstain'd from Women. In 1734. Chancres appear'd upon him, for which it was judg'd necessary to salivate him; which was accordingly done, in 1736. He then perceiv'd, that the Stream of his Urine was smaller, and that he made it with much Pain; notwithstanding this, the Patient ran a fresh risque, and a new Gonorrhœa was the reward of his rashness. It resisted all Remedies for three Years: Then an astringent Injection was unsuccessfully try'd for another Year: The Patient was then salivated again: The Ointment was, particularly, rubb'd upon the *Perinæum*: And the consequence was, an increase of Pain in that Part. Medicated Candles, which were afterwards us'd, serv'd only to produce an obstinate Hæmorrhage; leaden Probes, *Belloste's* Pills, and emollient Cataplasms, had no better effect: At last, the Running stopp'd, but other mercurial Pills made it, shortly, appear again; and an Inflammation seiz'd one of the Testicles: It was attended with an Hæmorrhage, and very violent Heat. In 1742. the Patient was again salivated, and, during the Course, had nine or ten Suppressions, which continu'd ten Hours each; afterwards, his Retentions were almost habitual for six Months, and the shortest were of twenty-four Hours continuance: From that time, till 1744. the Patient had no fresh accident, tho' he rid every Day; but, the Running appearing again

again the Year following, the Testicles were seiz'd with a new Inflammation: From that time, he left off all Remedies. Having heard of me at *Asti* in *Piedmont*, he thought the recovery of his Health was well worth a Journey to *France*, to consult me: I search'd him, in *June* 1746. in the presence of Mr. *Darius*, Master Surgeon, and found, four Fingers Breadth in the *Urethra*, some fungous Excrescences: After I had melted them down, I discover'd, a little farther in, an Ulcer, from which proceeded the Running which the Patient had been troubled with for so many Years: In four Months I made him perfectly well, which M. *Darius* can witness.

Certificate of M. Darius.

“ I, Master Surgeon, Member of the Royal Academy of Surgery, certify, That, on the 15th of *June* 1746. I was sent for to M. *Daran*, Surgeon in Ordinary to the King, to see M. D Captain in the Regiment of Having visited and question'd him, I found, that he had had a bad Stoppage in his Urine for many Years, for which Disease he had us'd all the Remedies that had been prescrib'd to him; and that, his Complaint still continuing, he had put himself under the care of M. *Daran*; who, having introduced a Sound into the *Urethra*, found several Obstacles, and promis'd to cure him. The 14th of *August*, of the present Year, the aforesaid Patient sent for me, and told me, that M. *Daran* had made him perfectly well; and that he desir'd a Certificate, which I deliver'd to him, to serve as Occasion should require.

“ Paris, Aug. 14.

“ Sign'd,

“ 1747.

“ DARIUS.”

The Count of a *Russian* Nobleman, aged Thirty-five, uneasy to see a Venereal Running, contracted in 1743. continue three Months, apply'd to another Person: He order'd him some Drops, of so sharp a nature, that they excoriated his Throat, and occasion'd a Vertigo: Finding that these did him no service, he us'd astringent Injections, which were equally ineffectual against the Running, and increas'd the Pains of the *Urethra*. Being thus disappointed, he follow'd his own Fancy, from this time; but, observing in 1743. a diminution of the Stream of his Water, which was soon follow'd by a Suppression of eight or ten Hours, he began to reflect seriously. In *December* 1745. he had a fresh Suppression, much more considerable, in which the introduction of Candles, or a Catheter, prov'd impracticable. He came to *Paris* in 1746. and committed himself to a Person famous for medicated Candles; but they only aggravated his Disorder, which was afterwards reliev'd by mercurial Frictions, administred under the direction of an eminent Surgeon: But the Patient, finding that this Remedy did not attack the Cause of his Disease, put himself under my care in the beginning of *July*, by the advice of M. *De Rabours*, who was present when I search'd him. I found a callous and ulcerated Excrecence near the *Verumontanum*, and in three Months he was perfectly cur'd, by my Remedies, as M. *De Rabours* certifies.

Certificate of M. De Rabours.

“ I Doct^r Regent of the Faculty of *Paris*, certify, That I was sent for, at the latter end of last Summer, with M. *Daran*, Surgeon, to visit a
“ foreign

“ foreign Nobleman afflicted with a Stoppage of
 “ Urine, occasion’d by Obstacles in the *Urethra*,
 “ from one or several Gonorrhœas. Thro’ curio-
 “ sity, more than necessity, I did myself the pleasure
 “ of seeing daily the effects of the Sounds this Sur-
 “ geon uses for these Diseases: I am convinced, that
 “ it is by suppurating the Carnosities, and afterwards
 “ deterging the Ulcers, that he so well cures these
 “ Disorders by his new Method. This Nobleman had
 “ been ill for about five Years, and had frequently
 “ suffer’d total Suppressions: I saw him in one, out
 “ of which M. *Daran* immediately reliev’d him, by
 “ the introduction of one of his Sounds. The in-
 “ efficacy of the several Remedies he had us’d, ob-
 “ lig’d him to come to *Paris*, to put himself under
 “ the afore said M. *Daran*, who made him perfectly
 “ well. In Proof whereof, I have sign’d these
 “ Presents.

“ Paris, March 31.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ DE RABOURS.”

C A S E 25.

M. *Bouilbac* desir’d me to see, in *March* 1746.
 M. B an *English* Gentleman, aged Forty-five,
 who had greatly suffer’d, for many Years, from a
 Stoppage of Urine, which very frequently dege-
 nerated into an Ischury. Different Persons, whom
 he had consulted in *England*, told him, they believ’d
 he had a Stone in his Bladder: He was in this Per-
 suasion when he consulted me. I search’d him, and
 found, on this side the *Verumontanum*, a callous Ex-
 crecence, which was ulcerated, caus’d by a Gonor-
 rhœa he had had eighteen Years before, and for the
 Cure of which he thought he had done every thing
 that was necessary. He had the more reason to
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believe so, as he had perceiv'd, all that time, no other inconvenience than a small Running, which he took for a Relaxation of the Vessels, altho' it was a Gonorrhœa, which had constantly remain'd. I treated him after my new Method, and he was perfectly cur'd in the space of four Months.

Certificate of M. Bouilhac.

“ I First Physician to the Dauphin and Dauphiness,
 “ I, certify, That I saw M. *De B*..... afflicted
 “ with a Strangury, owing to Carnosities in the
 “ *Urethra*, from an old Gonorrhœa, which fre-
 “ quently expos'd him to great Danger, by causing
 “ Retentions of Urine; and that I have since seen
 “ him intirely cur'd, by the Method of M. *Daran*,
 “ Surgeon in Ordinary to the King. This Cure,
 “ and several others which have come to my know-
 “ lege, make me consider his Method as of great
 “ importance, and the more so, as the Disease is
 “ common, and occasions a painful Death; and for
 “ which, hitherto, all Researches have been useless.
 “ In Proof of this, I have sign'd the present Certi-
 “ ficate.

“ Fontainebleau,
 “ Nov. 10.

“ Sign'd,

“ BOUILHAC.”

C A S E 26.

G..... F..... aged Forty-five, Door-keeper
 to Mrs. of *St. Mederic-street*, consulted me,
 in the Month of *August*, and told me, he had had
 three Gonorrhœas; the first in 1726. the second in
 1732. and the last in 1739. This, which he con-
 tracted at *Metz*, was of a very bad nature, and lasted
 a long

a long while ; but was, at last, suppress'd by the use of astringent Injections, which had likewise been us'd in his former Claps. About a Year after, the Stream of his Water began to lessen, and this Symptom made such a progress, that, in 1742. he had a total Suppression, which continu'd several Hours. A foreign Physician had the care of him, but could procure him no Relief : He was oblig'd to have recourse to M. *Foubert*, who, with much difficulty, introduced the Catheter into the Bladder, and prudently administred other Remedies, which reliev'd the Symptoms. A whole Year pass'd pretty quietly ; but, in the Spring, he had so severe an Ischury, that the Catheter could not be introduced. Several Bleedings having lessen'd the Irritation, M. *Simoneau*, Surgeon of the *Hotel-Dieu*, where the Patient had been carry'd, succeeded, at last, in introducing the Catheter : It was taken out twenty-four Hours after ; and the Urine found the same difficulty as before. After staying a Month at the *Hotel-Dieu*, the Patient, by the assistance he met with there, was enabled to return to his Master, making Water tolerably well ; but, upon his getting up his Flesh, his Stoppage of Urine return'd ; and, shortly after, he was in such a condition, that he rais'd the compassion of all who knew him. He was then put under the care of a Person who promis'd to cure him, but, not being able to fulfil his promise in four Months, nor even to relieve him, he was brought to me. I search'd him, *August* 10. 1746. and found, near the *Verumontanum*, several Ulcers, which supply'd the obstinate Gleet : I treated the Patient, with M. *Foubert*'s knowlege, and cur'd him perfectly, in less than four Months ; shewing him, several times afterwards, to the above-mention'd Gentleman.

Certificate of M. Foubert.

“ I Master in Surgery, Surgeon in Ordinary to the
 “ King in his Parliament-house, and heretofore
 “ Surgeon Major of the Hospital *La Charité*, cer-
 “ tify, That G. F. Door-keeper to
 “ Mrs. whose Family I attend, was rescu’d,
 “ by the charitable care and assiduity of M. *Daran*,
 “ from the most dangerous situation a Man can be
 “ reduced to, by a Venereal Strangury, occasion’d
 “ by Carnosities in the *Urethra*, the unhappy re-
 “ mains of former Gonorrhœas ill cur’d, or neg-
 “ lected; for I frequently saw him in the utmost
 “ danger, without receiving benefit from the best-
 “ administred Remedies. He was, however, per-
 “ fectly cur’d of all his complaints by M. *Daran*’s
 “ Method; and I ought to add, that his Cure is the
 “ more solid, as it is now a Year since he has been
 “ out of his hands. In Proof whereof, I have
 “ sign’d the present Writing.

“ Paris, Nov. 15.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ FOUBERT.”

C A S E 27.

The Marquis of of *Britany*, aged forty
 Years, was, at the age of Nineteen, punish’d, for his
 incontinence, by a Gonorrhœa, which stopp’d, four
 Months after. To take off a continual Erection, which
 tormented him in a second, contracted four Years
 after, in 1731. he us’d frequent Coition, by the
 advice of a friend: This Remedy would have
 continu’d being agreeable, if, after four Months
 practising it, a Discharge of pure Blood, that fol-
 low’d the *Semen*, had not open’d his Eyes. He
 was,

was, at last, cur'd of all these Symptoms, in two Months, by proper Remedies, and the use of the *Panacea* for a Fortnight. In 1734. he contracted a fresh Gonorrhœa, which, now become wise at his expence, he thought himself able to treat. All the Symptoms, but the Running, yielded to the Medicines; this prov'd obstinate; but, however, seem'd to give way, at last: In 1735. after a cruel Disease, out of which he was but imperfectly recover'd, he was taken with a total Retention: Bleedings, and other Remedies, procur'd a Discharge to the Urine; but it was tinged with Blood, and came with so much Pain, that it rais'd a violent Fever, with a *Delirium*; after these Symptoms were over, there appear'd a small Running, which denoted an Ulcer still subsisting; and the Patient perceiv'd, that the Stream of his Water was not the same as formerly: He then came to *Paris*, where he us'd M. *Belloste's* Pills, which carry'd off all his complaints. This sad experience not having render'd him more prudent, the night before his departure he could not withstand temptation: He, however, was so little a while in enjoying the pleasure, that he imagin'd it would not be follow'd by any cause for repentance; but, before he reach'd *Orleans*, he was sensible of his mistake; a violent Gonorrhœa had made its appearance: It was, however, cur'd in three Months, except a Gleet, without Pain, which was consider'd as a mere Relaxation: From that time his Strangury was more violent, and more frequent; but as the use of Milk, Turpentine, and cooling Ptisans, quieted the Symptoms, the Patient made but flight of it: In 1739. he contracted another Gonorrhœa, which he thought cur'd in three Months; but the Gleet still remain'd: He made his Water with more Pain; and *Belloste's* Pills, in stopping the Running, did not lessen the other Symptom: It kept increasing, from that time, and the Patient had seven or eight total Suppressions, the
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Stream of his Urine daily lessened ; he could not be concern'd with Women without severe Pains in the time of Emission; or, when he heated himself by any other means, he suffered Shootings, and violent Pains, which were relieved by fomenting with Milk, and taking Ptisans of *Parietaria* : His *Dysury* was at last so excessive, when he came from *Nantes* to consult me, that he could not make Water in less than twelve Minutes, and that with much Pain upon the least Excess. Having searched him *August* the 16th, 1746. in Presence of Mr. *Moreau*, I found in the middle of the *Urethra* a Callosity : Having dissolved it, and being able to pass my Sounds farther, I discovered a second, which was very sensible, near the excretory Ducts. of the *Prostate*. The Treatment, which continued about five Months, was interrupted only by a Fever of forty-eight Hours, which gave way to a few Remedies ; and the Patient returned satisfied, his Case being attested by his Physician, whose Certificate follows.

Certificate of Mr. Moreau.

“ I Physician in ordinary to the King in Consul-
 “ tation, certify, That the Marquis of ———
 “ declared to me, that he had a Stoppage of Urine
 “ in consequence of several Gonorrhœas, which
 “ occasioned Shootings, and grievous Pains ; and
 “ that, upon the least Excess in Eating or Drink-
 “ ing, or if he rode on Horseback, he was between
 “ ten and twelve Minutes in emptying his Bladder
 “ with intolerable Pain ; and, not having been able
 “ to find a Remedy for his Disease, he came to *Paris*,
 “ to put himself under the Care of Mr. *Daran*,
 “ who, having searched him in my Presence, found
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“ Carnosities in the *Urethra*, and, by the Use of
 “ his Sounds, cured him in five Months : In proof
 “ of which I have delivered the present Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, March 1.

“ 1747.

MOREAU.”

C A S E 28.

Mr. G——, an Officer of Dragoons, aged Fifty, having contracted a second Gonorrhœa in 1743. at the time his Regiment was upon the March, was once bled, and took a Solution of Nitre Night and Morning, and Spirit of Turpentine in clear Water : He was so negligent in the Dose, that his Eyes inflamed, and his Yard excoriated and swelled. Being obliged to stop, he put himself under the Care of a Surgeon, who made an Incision, and let out much Matter ; but there remained in the *Urethra* a Fistula, which did not close till two Years afterwards ; there constantly subsisted a Discharge, which the Surgeon of the Regiment considered as a Trifle. While he was treating this Complaint, in the Winter that followed the Campaign of 1744. an Abscess formed in the Scrotum, which remained fistulous, and which the Waters of *Bourbon*, drank in the two Seasons, and those of *Bussant*, did not cure. Mercurial Frictions were then administered, which made no Alteration in the Running, no more than an Electuary and Injections, which he used for three Months without any sensible Effect, besides inflaming the Part ; upon which those Medicines were left off. The Patient, not being able to contain his Water, or ride on Horseback, petitioned to be sent to the *Invalides* ; but,

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not being able to obtain this, as an Officer, because he was not qualified according to the Rules, he resolved to continue in the Service, which an Inflammation of the *Scrotum* prevented his doing. The Waters of *St. Amant*, Baths, and Cataplasms, having produced no Effect, he endeavoured to return to his Regiment before the Expiration of his Furlough; but the Fatigue of the Journey swelled considerably the *Penis*, *Scrotum*, and *Perinaeum*, which obliged him to stay at *Brussels*. An Incision, which was made on the left Side of the *Scrotum*, where an Abscess was imagined to be formed after the Resolution of the Tumor, gave rise to a second Fistula; and a Swelling, which the Patient had in the *Perinaeum*, threatened a third. When he consulted me in *August* 1746. he plainly told me he only expected a palliative Cure; that he was resolved to quit the Service, and accept of the *Invalides* upon any Terms they would offer him. Having examined his Situation, I told him, I believed I could put him in a Condition to serve, and perfectly recover his Health: He was greatly pleased at it; and, as he supposed he could not obtain a Leave of Absence long enough, I gave him a Letter to Mr. *de Lapeyronie*, desiring him that he would assist him with his Credit. The Colonel, very glad to preserve a brave Officer, very handsomely granted it, and I began the Cure; but the extraordinary Complication of Symptoms made me desirous of having his Case attested. For this Purpose I desired Mr. *Casamajor* to visit him: I searched him in his Presence, and found the *Urethra* in several Places beset with fungous Ulcers; a fistulous Ulcer on this Side the *Verumontanum*; and a second, of the same Nature, which penetrated to the *Perinaeum*: He had, besides, a very virulent Running, Difficulty and Heat of Urine at times, and an Incontinence

of it at others ; so that all the different Symptom^s of the Disease were collected in him. I treated him after my Method. About the middle of the Cure, one of the Testicles swelled considerably, and was attended with violent Pains. This obliged me to quit the Cure of the principal Disease, to remedy the Symptom. In a Fortnight I had the good Luck of bringing the Testicle to its natural State, and I began afresh the other Treatment, which continued near six Months ; and I then shewed him to the Physician, who had visited him at the beginning ; and he was convicted by his own Eyes of his perfect Cure.

Certificate of Mr. Casamajor.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic in
 “ the University of *Paris*, certify, That I saw
 “ at Mr. *Daran*'s, Master-Surgeon, in *September*
 “ 1746. Mr. G——, an Officer of Dragoons,
 “ aged Forty-five, afflicted with a Stoppage of
 “ Urine, caused by several Obstacles in the *Urethra*,
 “ and subject for six Years to an Incontinence of
 “ Urine : He had two Fistulas, one on the upper
 “ Part of the *Scrotum*, on the left Side ; and the
 “ other at the beginning of the *Perinæum*, on one
 “ Side of the *Scrotum* : Both were attended with a
 “ considerable Callosity, and he had, besides, a
 “ virulent Running of ten Years Continuance. Six
 “ Months afterwards Mr. *Daran* shewed him me
 “ again ; I found the *Urethra* free, the Fistulas
 “ closed, the Callosity destroy'd, the old Gleet
 “ stopped, and the Patient making Water in a full
 “ Stream ; in short, radically cured, and ready to
 “ return to his Regiment, altho' he had intirely
 “ quitted it upon his coming to *Paris*, thinking
 “ himself

“ himself incurable before he was visited by the
 “ above-mentioned Surgeon : In proof whereof I
 “ have given the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Feb. 2.

Signed,

“ 1747.

“ CASAMAJOR.”

C A S E 29.

Of several Gonorrhœas, which Mr. G——, aged Fifty, Citizen of *Paris*, had contracted, the second, caught in 1728. continued six whole Months, and was stopt at last by Balsam of *Capivi*. In 1731. he had a critical Bubo, which opened and healed of itself; and from that time, whenever he heated himself, a little Running appeared, which again stopt of itself : The Stream of his Urine began then to lessen; but he made it without Pain. In 1733. he contracted a fresh Gonorrhœa, which left Things in the same Condition; but in 1743. he had a fourth, which caused an Inflammation of both Testicles, one after another, with cruel Pains along the *Penis* quite to the *Anus*, so that he could neither sit nor walk. This Gonorrhœa was treated after a very careless manner by the Surgeon, who was persuaded, that mercurial Frictions were the only means capable of curing it, and who also imagined, that they would dissolve the Carnosities which existed in the *Urethra* : He made him rub several times from the *Anus* to the *Glans*, and rendered him capable of walking, tho' still with Pain. Some time after, the Frictions were used in the common Way, particularly on the Groin, *Penis*, and *Perinæum*. During the Course, he had a slight Retention of Urine, which was not the first of the kind; for he had had several within the last five Years,

two of which were very obstinate and dangerous : After the Frictions he was free from the Pains, which reached to the *Anus* ; but his Urine came away drop by drop, and he had moreover an Incontinence of it. Thus he had two Diseases, which appear incompatible ; a Difficulty of making Water, which occasioned him the utmost Strainings, and a continual Dribbling of it both Night and Day : From that time he always felt a Weight along the *Penis*, much Pain in the *Glans*, and in his Back, and was troubled with an Incontinence of Urine, *Dysury*, a Pain in Erection, and an Inability of emitting in the Venereal Act. After two Years spent in this Situation, the Pain of his Back increased considerably, and he discharged for above three Weeks, with his Urine, a purulent Matter, as thick and viscid as Turpentine, with so much Pain, that he lost his Appetite, could not sleep, and wasted sensibly. Such was his Condition when he applied to me *August* 16. 1746. The Reader will find a Recapitulation of some of the Symptoms in the following Certificate of Mr. *Taillard*.

Certificate of Mr. Taillard.

“ I, Sworn Surgeon of *Paris*, certify, That I saw
 “ this Day Mr. M—— F—— G——,
 “ Citizen of *Paris* : After having examined his Con-
 “ dition, I found, that he had a Stoppage of Urine,
 “ at certain times complicated with a Discharge of
 “ purulent Matter, and a Hardness along the *Raphe*,
 “ which must be owing to several Gonorrhoeas,
 “ which he confessed having formerly contracted. I
 “ certify the Truth of this ; and my Certificate may
 “ be used as occasion requires.

“ *Paris*, August 13;

“ 1746.

Signed,
 TAILLARD.”

Having

Having searched the Patient in Presence of Mr. *Cantwell*, *August* the 15th, 1746. I found at the Entrance of the *Urethra*, a round and hard Car-nosity : Having destroy'd that Obstacle, I came to the *Verumontanum*, which was ulcerated, and very hard. As there was an Incontinence of Urine, Mr. *Cantwell* imagined, that the Sphincter of the Bladder was ulcerated. I used my Remedies, and the 10th of *September* he made his Water pretty easily ; the Incontinence of Urine was intirely gone off ; he had no longer any Pain in his Back, nor did he discharge any purulent Matter with his Urine ; he could eat and sleep, and was now able to mind his Business : He adds, in his own relation, that such a rapid Progress left him no doubt of a perfect Cure ; however, that was not effected in less than four Months ; but he had no bad Symptom throughout the whole Treatment.

Certificate of Mr. Cantwell.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic of
 “ *Paris*, certify, That in *August* 1746. Mr.
 “ G—— came to me, aged about Forty, who
 “ told me, that as he designed to put himself into
 “ the Hands of Mr. *Daran*, Surgeon, who, ac-
 “ cording to his Custom, required his Case to be
 “ attested by some Physician or Surgeon, he was
 “ come to desire me to examine him. I learned, by
 “ inquiry, all that he had suffered from several
 “ Gonorrhœas contracted since the Year 1730. and
 “ that his present Condition was such, that he felt
 “ Pain from the *Penis* to the *Anus*, so as not to be
 “ able to sit or go ; that he made his Water, as I
 “ saw, drop by drop, and with great Straining ;
 “ that he had, besides, an involuntary dribbling away
 “ of his Water both Night and Day ; that, upon
 “ Erection, he had violent Pains ; and found, at
 “ the

“ the time of the Emission, a total Suppression of
 “ the *Semen*. In this Condition he was going to
 “ apply to Mr. *Daran*. About four Months after,
 “ I saw him again. I had the Satisfaction to see
 “ him radically cured of all his Complaints, and in
 “ the Enjoyment of perfect Health : In proof
 “ whereof I have signed the present Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, April 3.

“ 1747.

CANTWELL.”

C A S E 30.

Mr. *F*——, aged Forty-five, contracted in 1724. a Gonorrhœa, which was attended with the most severe Symptoms : After many Remedies unsuccessfully administered, the Obstinacy of his Running obliged him to have recourse to astringent Injections, which were equally ineffectual. The Patient, content with having no other Inconvenience, resolved to give himself no farther Trouble ; and twelve Years, elapsed in this Condition, gave him no Cause of Repentance ; but he then began to perceive, that the Stream of his Urine lessened ; and the Disorder made such a Progress, that it did not exceed the bigness of a Thread, and frequently came away drop by drop : From that time to this he has had fifty total Retentions, of more or less Continuance, which were relieved by Emollients only ; for the Surgeons endeavoured several times to introduce the Catheter ; but they could never get it in above two Fingers breadth. Two Years ago a fresh Complaint appeared, an involuntary dribbling of his Water : On account of this Complication, he applied to me by the Advice of *M*——, altho’ he had been frequently told before, that there was
 no

no Remedy for his Disorder: I searched him *May* the 25th, 1746. and found, near the *Fossa Navicularis*, a Callosity, which I brought to Suppuration: A few Days after, I discovered others that lay deeper: The *Verumontanum* was intirely ulcerated, and surrounded with scirrhus Swellings. The Patient was cured in less than four Months and an half; although, during the Treatment, he had several Attacks of an irregular Fever, occasioned by the bad Quality of the *Pus* that was supplied by the diseased Parts.

Certificate of Mr. Faget.

“ I, Sworn Surgeon of *St. Côme*, and to the
 “ Queen, certify, That Mr. F—— suffered
 “ for a long time a Stoppage of Urine, occasioned
 “ by Carnosities in the *Urethra*, making his Wa-
 “ ter only drop by drop, with great Pain, and at
 “ some times being subject to total Suppressions,
 “ and at others to an involuntary coming away of
 “ his Urine. He applied to Mr. *Daran*, Surgeon
 “ in ordinary to the King, in *May* 1746. who
 “ treated him after his new Method, and per-
 “ fectly cured him, so that he has enjoyed a per-
 “ fect State of Health for above a Year: It is a
 “ Happiness to Mankind, that he hath found
 “ out, by his Care, so efficacious a Remedy for a
 “ Disease justly considered hitherto as incurable.

“ Sign’d,

“ Paris, October 2.

“ 1747.

FAGET.”

C A S E

C A S E 31.

The Count of ———, a *Russian*, who is mentioned in Case the 24th, desired me, in *July* 1746. to take upon me the Care of the Prince of ———, aged Thirty, a foreign General Officer, who was come to *France* to seek for a Cure of the Remains of former Gonorrhœas: He had had three; the first went off happily and soon; the second, which was of a worse Nature, was not perfectly cured; and a third renewed the same Symptoms, and with more Violence. After a long Use of Remedies which were not known to the Patient, the Running seemed to stop; but it appeared again upon the least Excess whatsoever. Tired of this alternative Change of apparent Health, and real Illness, perceiving, besides, that the Stream of his Water lessened, and that there was a Stoppage of it, he opened his Case to the Count of C——, who sent him to me. I searched him *July* the 15th, in Presence of Mr. *de Lapeyronie*, and found in the *Urethra* three fungous Excrescences, two at the excretory Ducts of the *Prostatae*, and a small one near the *Verumontanum*. I treated him after my Method, and in four Months he was so well, that Mr. *de Lapeyronie* thought him capable of returning to his own Country.

Certificate of M. de Lapeyronie.

“ I First Surgeon and Physician to the King
 “ in Consultation, do certify, That I saw,
 “ under the Care of Mr. *Daran*, the Person
 “ mentioned in the thirty-first Case, with Carno-
 “ fities

“ fities in the *Urethra*, and a virulent Running,
 “ which he was perfectly cured of by the Use
 “ of his Remedies.

“ Signed,

“ Versailles,

“ April 4. 1747.

LAPEYRONIE.

C A S E 32.

The Baron of ——— desired me, in *July* 1746. to take care of Mr. *de V*——, aged Thirty-five, a *Hessian* Officer, who was come to *France* on purpose to get Relief for some dreadful Remains of three Gonorrhœas which he had contracted in the Space of four Years. The first had been pretty mild; the second, which was worse, was not yet cured when he contracted a third, which renewed the Symptoms, and even increased them; the Running, which every now-and-then seemed to stop, appeared again upon the least Occasion. Fearing the Consequences which the Diminution of the Stream of his Urine threatened, and not being able to make Water without Pain and Difficulty, he opened his Case to the Baron of ———, who sent him to me. I searched him in Presence of M. *de Rabours*, and M. *Morand*, and found in the *Urethra* three different callous Carnosities in the middle of the Passage, and the other two near the *Vesiculæ Seminales*. I treated him after my new Method, and he got so well in about four Months, that he was able to return to his own Country.

Certificate

Certificate of M. de Rabours.

“ I Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic of
 “ *Paris*, certify, That I was sent for towards
 “ the latter end of last Summer, with Mr. *Daran*,
 “ Surgeon, to visit a foreign Nobleman who la-
 “ boured under a Stoppage of Urine, occasioned by
 “ Obstacles in the *Urethra*, in consequence of one
 “ or more Gonorrhœas. Engaged more by Cu-
 “ riosity than Necessity, I daily attended to see the
 “ Effects of the Candles which that Surgeon makes
 “ use of in the Cure of these Diseases. I am con-
 “ vinced, that it is by suppurating the Carnosities,
 “ and afterwards detarging the Ulcers, that he so
 “ happily cures these Disorders. This Nobleman
 “ had been troubled with this Complaint for five
 “ Years : The Inefficacy of several Remedies he
 “ had used, obliged him to come to *Paris*, to put
 “ himself under the Care of the above-mentioned
 “ Mr. *Daran*, who perfectly cured him : In proof
 “ whereof I have signed the present Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, March 31.

“ 1747.

DE RABOURS.”

C A S E 33.

M. B——, aged Forty-five, Merchant at
Paris, from the Year 1716. which was the Four-
 teenth of his Age, to 1736. had at least thirteen
 Gonorrhœas : The first was attended with two
 Buboes, one in the right Groin, and the other in
 the *Axilla*. He perceived in 1736. the Stream of
 his Urine to lessen, which daily grew worse to

1744.

1744. He had then a Suppression, which continued 24 Hours, and which was reliev'd by the Introduction of the Catheter, which gave the Surgeon much Trouble, and the Patient a great deal of Pain. The Catheter was left in the Bladder four Days : From that time he had no Suppression of Urine, but always a great difficulty in making it, it coming frequently away only drop by drop, with much Heat, and depositing a thick slimy Settlement. In this Condition he was obliged to give over Riding, which his Business, however, requir'd; and applied to me, by the advice of Mr. *Morand*, September 24. 1746. I searched him in his Presence, and found in the *Urethra* several Obstacles produced by fungous Excrescences : One of them, that was much more considerable than the rest, was situated in the middle of the Passage. I made use of my Remedies, and he was perfectly well in four Months and an half.

This Patient is one of the seven mentioned in Mr. *Morand's* Certificate.

C A S E 34.

November the 29th, 1746. Mr. *Casaubon* came to me with Mr. de ———, aged Forty-five, who was come from *Lyons* to consult me about an extraordinary difficulty of making Water, an Incontinence of it, and a constant Obstruction in the *Urethra*, which caused the Urine to come away only drop by drop, or at most only like a Thread. This was owing to several Gonorrhœas which he had suffered from the Year 1728. which was the 22d of his Age, which had been treated by different Surgeons. It was the ninth contracted in 1739. in which his present Disorders first began; for the Running was stopt by astringent Injections, and reduced only to a few drops of Matter, which appeared

peared sometimes in a Morning. A Year after, being in the Country, he was seized with the first Suppression : This having given Way, he used the Leaden Probes every Night, which procured him some Relief ; but in 1743. after riding on Horseback an hundred Leagues, he had another Retention of Urine, which was extremely painful, and continued twenty-four Hours : It was treated after the usual manner, and he took notice, that the first drops that came out, gave him as much Pain as if they had been melted Lead. Three Months afterwards, after a Journey of fifty Leagues, he had almost as bad a Suppression, which was followed by a fourth when he got home. As the Surgeon who took care of him in his third Suppression, had told him that the Cure was only palliative, he from that time determined to come and consult me ; but his Design was suspended by a fresh Gonorrhœa, which lasted him six Months. I searched him in Presence of Mr. *Casaubon*, and found on the excretory Ducts of *Cowper's* Glands, an Ulcer with very callos Edges, and, before I came to it, several small Inequalities, produced by spongy Flesh. I apply'd my Remedies ; but as he would not debar himself from any Pleasure, he was five Months under Hand, and then I got Mr. *Casaubon* to attest his Cure.

Certificate of Mr. Casaubon.

“ I Sworn Surgeon of *St. Côme*, certify, That
 “ Mr. *D——* came in *September* 1746. from
 “ *Lyons* to *Paris*, to be cured by Mr. *Daran*, Sur-
 “ geon in ordinary to the King, of a Stoppage of
 “ Urine he had been subject to for several Years,
 “ owing to Carnosities in the *Urethra* from former
 “ Gonorrhœas, which he was perfectly cured of by
 “ Mr. *Daran's* Remedies, as manifestly appeared to
 “ me from my own Inspection, both before and
 “ after

“ after his Cure : In proof whereof I have delivered this present Certificate.

“ Paris, October 5.

“ 1747.

“ Signed,
CASAUBON.”

C A S E 35.

After having had several mild Gonorrhœas, in 1723. Mr. L———D———, of T———, aged Fifty-eight, contracted one of a more serious Nature, which astringent Injections seemed to have cured : However, in the Year 1731. and the following Years, he had frequent Retentions of Urine, some of which continued ten Hours : From 1734. he had the good Fortune to continue free from this Complaint ; there only remained a considerable Diminution of the Stream of his Water, and a Difficulty of making it ; but the Suppressions returning in 1745. and continuing for above twenty-four Hours with insupportable Pain, he was advised to apply to me, which he did ; he observed to me besides, that he had commonly no Emission in Coition, and that it gave him Pain. I searched him in the Presence of M———, Master-Surgeon ; and found two Obstructions in the *Urethra*, the one fungous, a little beneath the *Fossa Navicularis*, and the other more callous, a little on this Side the *Verumontanum* ; neither of them was ulcerated : My Remedies procured a Discharge so acrid and virulent, that it gave him much Pain ; but it soon went off, and in two Months I thought him perfectly cured, when I perceived, that the first Obstacle which should have yielded first, had left in the Passage some remains, which might cause a Relapse. I was obliged therefore to apply fresh Remedies, which
I con-

I continued near six Weeks ; after which he was perfectly cured.

Mr. *de Lapeyronie* was acquainted with this Case, as will appear by the following Certificate.

Certificate of M. de Lapeyronie.

“ I, First Physician, and Surgeon to the King in
“ Consultation, certify, That I saw, under the
“ Care of Mr. *Daran*, the Person mentioned in
“ Case the 35th, who had Carnosities in the *Urethra*,
“ and a virulent Running, which he was perfectly
“ cured of by his Remedies.

“ Versailles, Apr. 4.

“ 1747.

“ Sign’d,

“ LAPEYRONIE.”

C A S E 36.

In *October* 1745. a Person aged Forty-five came to me, who had an unhappy Complication of the worst Disorders which succeed to ill-treated Gonorrhœas, viz. a Fistula in *Perinæo*, thro’ which the Urine drained itself, a callous Ulcer in the middle of the *Urethra*, and another near the excretory Ducts of the *Prostatæ*, a Retention, Heat, and Incontinence of Urine, a *Tenesmus*, and a virulent Running. The Singularity of the Case made me desirous of having it attested by Men of Eminence. I therefore desired Mr. *Boyer*, Surgeon, to wait upon Mr. *Astruc*, Physician to the King in Consultation, and Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic of *Paris*, with Mr. N——, who made him the same Confession he had made to me before, That after two pretty mild Gonorrhœas, he had in 1732. a third, which ran eight Months, and was stopp

at

at last by astringent Injections ; that in 1736. he contracted another, which appeared to be cured in two Months time ; that he had perceived, that the Stream of his Urine constantly lessened, which Symptom was so much increased in 1738. that he had frequent Retentions of Urine ; that for some time he had not made Water without great Straining ; and lastly, that he could not make it without introducing a Probe : Such was his Condition till 1740. when, whether the Obstacles were grown larger, or for some other Reason, the Suppressions of Urine lasted longer, some even three Days : He was only relieved by Candles, which he used for six Months, and which enabled him to make Water in a full Stream ; but this Cure was only palliative ; for a Fortnight after he had left them off, the Stream of his Water lessened again, and continued lessening till 1742. This Year a continual Incontinence of Urine began to afflict him ; the Year following a Swelling appeared in *Perinaeo*, which opened of itself, and was dressed as usual, in Expectation of healing it ; but the Urine constantly came through the Opening, and there remained a *Fistula* : Such was his Situation when I searched him. I have mentioned above the Particulars of his Case. Notwithstanding this cruel Complication of Disorders, he was perfectly cured in two Months time by my Method. He then waited upon Mr. *Astruc*, who, fearing a Relapse, desired the Patient to call on him frequently. He saw him fifteen Months after, in better Health than ever.

Certificate of M. Boyer.

“ I, *Anthony Boyer*, Surgeon-Major of the Horse-
 “ Grenadiers, in the Service of his C. M. do
 “ certify, That Mr. N——, in Consequence of
 “ several Gonorrhœas, was for a long time af-
 “ flicted with several Carnosities, which fill’d up the
 “ *Urethra*, a *Fistula in Perinaeo*, a purulent Run-
 “ ning, and an involuntary coming away of his
 “ Urine; and he was perfectly cured in two
 “ Months by Mr. *Daran*, Master-Surgeon, by the
 “ Means of his new Method of treating the Dis-
 “ eases of the *Urethra*: I moreover declare,
 “ that this Patient was examined by Mr. *Astruc*,
 “ Physician, both before and after his Cure.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, Apr. 17.

“ 1747.

BOYER.”

C A S E 37.

About ten Years ago Mr. M——, aged 50,
 Merchant, had a Gonorrhœa which left a slight
 Running, which was looked upon as a Weakness.
 Taking Notice two or three Years afterwards, that
 the Stream of his Urine lessened, he applied to
 Mr. ——, who promised to stop the Running,
 and free the Passage; but the Running proving
 obstinate, this Surgeon likewise stiled it a Weak-
 ness, or Relaxation of the Vessels. The Patient,
 observing that the Stricture of the Passage grew
 worse, applied to the Widow of his last Surgeon,
 who was lately dead, for some of the same Candles
 he

he us'd before: All the good they did was, dilating the Passage for some Days. About three Years ago he had an Inflammation of the *Scrotum*, caus'd by a Reflux of the virulent Matter upon that Part; it was cur'd by Emollients, and mercurial Frictions on the Legs and Feet: But these Remedies were so far from curing the Stoppage of Urine, that, two Years ago, he had a total Suppression, which made him suffer greatly for six Days. It was shortly after this Accident that he put himself under my care: I found two callous Ulcers on this side the *Verumontanum*, pretty near each other; and I got Messieurs *Nihell* and *Plunkett* to attest his Case. He was perfectly cur'd in forty-eight Days, as the following Certificates shew.

Certificate of M. Nihell.

“ I, Doctor of Physic of the Faculty of *Rheims*,
 “ I, certify, That M. M. Merchant, had
 “ been afflicted with a purulent Gleet for above six
 “ Years, and with an inveterate Strangury, which
 “ no one of the Profession had been able to cure,
 “ till he put himself under the care of M. *Dar-*
 “ *ran*; who stopp'd the Running, and cur'd the
 “ Strangury, in forty-eight Days. In Proof whereof,
 “ I have sign'd the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Jan. 30.

“ 1746.

“ Sign'd,

“ NIHELL.”

Certificate of M. Plunkett.

“ I Certify, as above; having seen the same Patient,
 “ both before and after his Cure.

“ Paris, March 26.

“ *Sign'd,*

“ 1747.

“ PLUNKETT, M. D.”

C A S E 38.

One of the Domesticks of M. D Coun-
 fellow in Parliament, nam'd J F aged
 Thirty, contracted a Gonorrhœa at *Brussels*, and was
 under Cure for six Months; after which time his
 Surgeon assur'd him, that he was well, tho' a viru-
 lent Gleet still remain'd, and a Stoppage of his
 Water, which oblig'd him to come to *Paris*: After
 having consulted some People, very eminent for the
 Cure of these Complaints, and us'd several Reme-
 dies, by their direction, he was advis'd to the
 leaden Probe, which made no alteration in his con-
 dition; it was growing worse, when I found, upon
 searching him, two callous Ulcers, near the *Veru-*
montanum, and a very virulent Discharge. Before I
 began his Cure, I insisted on his having his Case at-
 tested by Messieurs *Le Thieullier* and *Nape*, his Ma-
 jesty's Physician and Surgeon; after this Preliminary,
 I us'd my Remedies, and perfectly cur'd him in six
 Months.

Certi-

Certificate of M. Le Thieullier.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic in the
 “ University of *Paris*, Counsellor, Physician in
 “ Ordinary to his Majesty in his Great Council, and
 “ in the Provostship of *France*, certify, That *J.*
 “ *F.* one of the Domesticks of M. *D.*
 “ Counsellor in the Parliament of *Paris*, having
 “ contracted a Gonorrhœa at *Brussels* in 1739. and
 “ having been unsuccessfully treated, as well by the
 “ Surgeons of that Place, as by three Surgeons of
 “ *St. Come* at *Paris*, for near six Months; com-
 “ mitted himself to the care of M. *Daran*, the 2d
 “ of last *November*: I was Witness of his Case,
 “ which was the more dangerous, and the less likely
 “ to be cur’d, as the most distinguish’d Surgeons
 “ had us’d all the common Methods; in spite of
 “ which, a Strangury had succeeded, and to that was
 “ join’d a purulent and sordid Running: But, after
 “ an exact examination of the aforesaid *F.*
 “ I find with pleasure, that all his Complaints are
 “ vanish’d; and I readily render all the Justice
 “ due to the real Merit of the aforesaid M. *Da-*
 “ *ran* in this Part of Surgery, in which he hath
 “ succeeded the better, and will hereafter make the
 “ greater progress, as he confines himself to Sur-
 “ gery only, and calls in the assistance of Physicians
 “ in those Cases which require Internals. In Proof
 “ whereof, I have sign’d and deliver’d the present
 “ Certificate.

“ Paris, Aug. 11.

“ 1746.

“ Sign’d,

“ LE THIEULLIER.”

C A S E 39.

All the Circumstances of the Disease of M. H. . . .
 aged Thirty-four, Embroiderer, at *Paris*, are sufficiently explain'd in the Certificate of M. *Serres*; and, to avoid Repetition, I shall only transcribe it.

Certificate of M. Serres.

“ I, Sworn Surgeon of the City of *Montpelier*,
 “ I, certify, That, coming to *Paris*, about some
 “ Business, and waiting, during my short stay, upon
 “ M. *Daran*, famous for the Diseases of the *Urethra*;
 “ among several Patients which I saw at his house,
 “ there was an Embroiderer, who, relating to me
 “ his terrible condition, told me, that, on account of
 “ four Gonorrhoeas, contracted within the twelve
 “ last Years, and for which he had always gone
 “ thro’ a course of Medicine, he was afflicted with
 “ a most cruel Strangury, his Urine not coming
 “ away without violent Straining, great Pain, and in
 “ a double Stream; and, moreover, that the Passage
 “ was sometimes intirely stopp’d up, and the Urine
 “ came then only drop by drop, without intermis-
 “ sion: He added, farther, that this was his situa-
 “ tion, when he put himself under the hands of a
 “ famous Surgeon, who us’d Remedies unsuccess-
 “ fully for twelve Months; that then, losing patience,
 “ and a fistulous Abscess being form’d in *Perinaeo*,
 “ which constantly gave issue to the Urine; he ap-
 “ ply’d to another Surgeon, who, after a long treat-
 “ ment, advis’d him, as a friend, to do nothing
 “ more; assuring him, that his Disease was incurable.
 “ I declare, That I was Witness of this Strangury
 “ and *Fistula*; that I saw the Patient under the care
 “ of M. *Daran*, who, by the use of his Candles, in
 “ twelve

“ twelve Days penetrated to the Bladder, and caus’d
 “ him to make Water in a full Stream, to my asto-
 “ nishment: And I by no means doubt, but that he
 “ soon after attain’d a perfect Cure. In Proof
 “ whereof, I have sign’d the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Dec. 15.
 “ 1746.

“ Sign’d,

“ SERRES.”

The Disorder which I found in the *Urethra* of this Patient, whom I shew’d to M. *Plunkett*, M. D. was a long callous Carnosity, reaching from the *Glans* to the *Fossa Navicularis*, and a fistulous Ulcer near the *Verumontanum*: After the use of my Candles for twelve Days, I discover’d another fordid Ulcer penetrating to the *Anus*, thro’ which the Urine had likewise a vent, with insupportable Pain. Altho’ I make the Diseases of the *Urethra* my sole business in general, which find me sufficient employment, I resolv’d to undertake this Ulcer, for several Reasons:

First, That, the *Urethra* being in as good a state as I could desire, it appear’d hard to leave the Patient in this condition.

Secondly, I was certain of the efficacy of my Remedy.

Thirdly, The Patient had not only drain’d his Purse, in seeking for a Cure; but his inability to work, for a long time, had reduced him to want.

Fourthly, He could not bring himself to a resolution of letting any-body else into the knowlege of his Case. I, accordingly, undertook the Ulcer of the *Anus*, and cur’d him perfectly, in four Months.

Certificate of M. Plunkett.

“ I, Doctor of Physic, certify, That M. H.....
 “ I, Embroiderer, aged about Thirty, came to
 “ consult me upon a Disease of the *Urethra*, which
 “ he had labour’d under for about twelve Years.
 “ Upon hearing his Recital, and observing his Case,
 “ I judg’d it incurable; however, knowing the ex-
 “ traordinary Cures which M. *Daran* perform’d in
 “ these complaints, I advis’d him to go and consult
 “ him; and, accordingly, I took him with me.
 “ M. *Daran* search’d him, in my presence, and found
 “ in the Passage a callous Carnosity, which he judg’d
 “ to be long, and situated near the *Fossa Navicu-*
 “ *laris*: He had, besides, an Ulcer near the *Veru-*
 “ *montanum*. After he had us’d his Sounds about
 “ twenty Days, he sent for me again, to let me know,
 “ that he had discover’d another fistulous Ulcer in
 “ the *Anus*, thro’ which I saw the Urine issue, with
 “ extraordinary Pain. Altho’ I knew that M. *Da-*
 “ *ran* confin’d himself to the Diseases of the *Ure-*
 “ *thra*, which find him sufficient employment, and
 “ that this was a different affair; yet, as it might
 “ prove tedious, and as the Patient was reduced
 “ to the last necessity by his being render’d in-
 “ capable of getting his livelihood, I desir’d him
 “ to undertake the poor Wretch, who must, else,
 “ infallibly perish for want of Subsistence. He im-
 “ mediately yielded to my Proposal, from no other
 “ Motive than that of Charity, which puts him
 “ upon engaging in these Cases: About five Months
 “ after, I had the satisfaction of seeing this Patient
 “ making Water in a full Stream, the Ulcer cica-
 “ triz’d, and the *Fistula* clos’d; in short, he was
 “ perfectly cur’d of all his complaints, and has con-
 “ tinu’d

“tinu’d well a Twelvemonth. In Proof whereof, I
“have sign’d the present Certificate.

“Paris, March 28,

“Sign’d,

“1747.

“PLUNKETT, M. D.”

C A S E 40.

The Count a *German* Nobleman, aged Twenty-eight, contracted, *August* 1. 1741. his fourth Gonorrhœa, which was hardly cur’d when he contracted a fifth; but as his service requir’d great assiduity, he took great care of himself, and thought himself cur’d in *April* 1742. He had no Pain in Erection, or in making Water; he only felt, in Coition, a slight Pain under the Prepuce, and observ’d some Stains upon his Shirt: Shortly after he found that he made Water with Pain, that his Shirt continu’d to be stain’d, and sometimes with Blood; and that the seat of the Pain was the same with that he had formerly felt in Coition, and in another Part farther in the Passage; that his Urine was fork’d; and that Injections gave him much Pain, as well at the entrance of the *Urethra*, as farther in: Leaden Probes, and Injections, continu’d for five Weeks, produced no other advantage besides that of making the Blood disappear; the Probes were stopp’d by Excrescences in their introduction; and there always came a little Matter without any Discoloration; nothing came out, upon pressing the *Penis*, except a drop when he awoke in the Morning; he felt much Pain, in nocturnal Emissions, under the Prepuce; as, also, in making Water; whence he concluded, that there was a *Fistula* in that Part: Such were the Symptoms, which oblig’d him to come from *Dresden* to consult me, determin’d by the Cure of several of his friends. I search’d him, in the presence of M. De
Rabours,

Rabours, and found in the *Urethra* two callous Ulcers, one on this side, and the other beyond the *Verumontanum*; in a Month the Ulcers were deterg'd, and the Callosities melted down; and as the Patient was in great haste to depart, and as there was nothing to fear, I gave him leave to set out for *Dresden*, supply'd with every thing that was necessary to accomplish his Cure, which was perfected two Months after, as he did me the honour to inform me, by Letter.

Certificate of M. De Rabours.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic of
 “ *Paris*, do certify, That I was sent for, to-
 “ wards the latter end of last Summer, with M.
 “ *Daran*, Surgeon, to visit a foreign Nobleman who
 “ had a Stoppage of Urine, occasion'd by Obstru-
 “ ctions in the *Urethra* from one or several virulent
 “ Gonorrhœas: Out of curiosity, more than neces-
 “ sity, I daily attended, to see the effects of M. *Da-*
 “ *ran*'s Bougies; they caus'd a Suppuration of the
 “ Body which form'd the Obstacle, which continu'd
 “ till it was quite destroy'd; he then got his Bougie
 “ farther; and, when he was stopp'd by another Ob-
 “ stacle, the same Practice produced the same effect,
 “ and so on, to a third and fourth. This Noble-
 “ man had labour'd under this Complaint for eleven
 “ Years: The insufficiency of several Remedies,
 “ which he had us'd, oblig'd him to come to *Paris*
 “ to put himself under the care of M. *Daran*, who
 “ perfectly cur'd him. In Proof whereof, I have
 “ sign'd the present Certificate.

“ *Paris*, March 31.

“ 1747.

“ Sign'd,

“ DE RABOURS.”

C A S E 41.

M. H..... aged Thirty, Captain in the Regiment of was well cur'd of his first Gonorrhœa, which, however, lasted him six Months: He ran the same risque in 1740. and contracted another, attended with such cruel Pain, that he was not able to walk: After being under Cure for five Months, without hardly receiving any benefit, he had recourse to the same Surgeon who cur'd him of the first; and all his endeavours, which were indeed interrupted by a Journey, only lessen'd the Running, which became inconsiderable; but a Dysury still remain'd, with Pain in *Perinæo*; and every now-and-then he had Suppressions of Urine, but they were but slight. In 1742. he us'd medicated Candles, which at first occasion'd a great Irritation and Hæmorrhage; but a continuance of them for a Month, assisted with other Remedies, Injections in particular, reduced the Running almost to nothing: He made his Water a little better; but there remain'd a Pain in *Perinæo*. The Remedies having been discontinu'd during the Winter of 1743. he had a Retention of Urine, which he reliev'd with a Candle, which procur'd an issue to his Water: During the Campaigns of 1743. and 1744. the Disease made no sensible progress; in 1745. he was salivated at *Montpelier*, and was directed to use the leaden Probes, which procur'd a free Passage to the Urine; but the Running continu'd, notwithstanding the use of the Balsam of *Canada*. Having serv'd two Months in *Flanders*, the Pain in *Perinæo*, and difficulty of making Water, return'd upon him, and the Running became more plentiful: He apply'd to a skilful Surgeon, whose Remedies quieted all the Symptoms; but, as he was oblig'd to omit them, to go to the Siege of *Brussels*, they all return'd, in such a manner, on account of the fatigue,
that,

that, on the 20th of *December*, 1746. he had, all day, a remarkable difficulty in making Water, which the next day degenerated into a total Suppression: The Surgeon was above half an hour in introducing the Catheter, which he, at last, got into the Bladder; the 23d he was oblig'd to have recourse to the same means; it was again attempted on the 24th, but an Hæmorrhage was occasion'd by it; the usual Emollients were made use of, with different success, at different times: but the difficulty constantly remaining, *November 25.* the Patient came from *Lille* to *Paris*, to be under my care. I search'd him, in the presence of M. *Bouniols*, and found a fungous Ulcer in the middle of the *Urethra*, and, a few Days after, a second, near the *Verumontanum*; they occasion'd a virulent Running. I immediately began his Cure, which was intirely effected in three Months and an half.

Certificate of M. Bouniols.

“ I, Doctor of Physic of the University of *Mont-*
 “ *pelier*, Physician to the King at *Fontainebleau*,
 “ formerly Physician in Ordinary to the Dukes of
 “ *Lorraine*, certify, That M. Captain of
 “ Foot, who is the subject of the 41st Case, had been
 “ ill of the Disease, there related, for many Years;
 “ and that he was perfectly cur'd by M. *Daran*, Sur-
 “ geon, by his new Method of treating the Diseases
 “ of the *Urethra*; having seen and examin'd him,
 “ both before and after his Cure. I ought to add,
 “ that it is with pleasure I see Surgery imbellish'd, by
 “ the Pains of M. *Daran*, with a Remedy that cures
 “ the most common Disease that is, perhaps, met
 “ with among Mankind, which, at last, miserably
 “ destroys the greatest part of those who are af-
 “ flicted with it, and which the most skilful Men,
 “ of

“ of all ages, after infinite pains, have been oblig’d
 “ to give over as incurable. In Proof whereof, I
 “ have sign’d the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Apr. 4.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1746.

“ BOUNIOL.”

C A S E 42.

A Counsellor of *Montpelier* had a Gonorrhœa ill treated in 1733. and felt, two Years after, a great Heat in his Water, which he could only make drop by drop; from that time he always made Water with Pain, and had total Suppressions, upon heating himself ever so little, which constantly put his Life in danger. In 1743. he had one, attended with a *Tenesmus*, which continu’d three whole Days: The Reflux of Urine into the Blood caus’d a continual Fever, and he was then given over; he was, besides, extremely uneasy in his mind, and with too much reason, as the most skilful Persons of the Profession had told him, that his Disease was incurable: Knowing, however, that the Persons which I cur’d at *Marseilles* were in a worse condition than himself, he set out from *Montpelier* to come to *Paris*, and put himself under my care; but, on the Road, he had a most terrible Suppression, which was near costing him his Life. I search’d him, in the presence of M. *Poujade*, Surgeon, and found two Ulcers in the *Urethra*, one about the middle of it, and the other near the *Verumontanum*. I cur’d him in three Months and an half, or thereabouts. Besides M. *Poujade*, M. *Molin*, Physician to the King in Consultation, was Witness of my Success.

Certi-

Certificate of M. Molin.

“ I Doctor of Physic of the Faculty of *Montpe-*
 “ *lier*, and Physician to the King in Consulta-
 “ tion, do certify, That I learn’d from M.
 “ Counsellor of the Court of Aids of the same
 “ City, that he went from thence to put himself
 “ under the care of M. *Daran*, Surgeon in Ordinary
 “ to the King, for a Suppression of Urine, occa-
 “ sion’d by a Gonorrhœa contracted in 1733. which
 “ had produced Carnosities in the *Uretbra*, which fre-
 “ quently put his Life in danger, and for a virulent
 “ Running besides; of which Complaints, he told
 “ me, he got perfectly cur’d in about four Months.
 “ In Proof whereof, I have sign’d the present Certi-
 “ ficate.

“ Paris, Sept. 14.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ MOLIN.”

Certificate of M. Poujade.

“ I Privileg’d Surgeon of the King for secret Dis-
 “ eases, do certify, That M. Counsellor
 “ of *Montpelier*, having had a Gonorrhœa in 1733.
 “ which he neglected, was seiz’d with a cruel Stran-
 “ gury two Years after, which, in spite of all the
 “ Remedies he afterwards us’d at *Montpelier*, and
 “ elsewhere, continually increas’d, the Patient, from
 “ that time, never making Water but with very vio-
 “ lent Pain, and having frequent Suppressions of
 “ Urine, which always expos’d his Life to the most
 “ imminent danger; which determin’d him to come
 “ to

“ to *Paris* to put himself in the hands of M. *Daran*, well known for his vast success in all Diseases of the *Urethra*. I do certify, That I saw the aforefaid Patient, before he was under Cure, shortly after his arrival at *Paris*; and that I examin’d him again, when he left M. *Daran*, and found him perfectly cur’d of his old Gonorrhœa and Strangury; in a word, enjoying perfect Health. In Proof whereof, I have sign’d the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Feb. 23.
“ 1746.

“ Sign’d,

“ *POUJADE.*”

C A S E 43.

M. R. an old Officer, aged Fifty, had three Gonorrhœas, the last one-and-thirty Years ago: In the Year 1720. he first perceiv’d, that he did not make Water in a full Stream; he had constantly a Gleet, which was stopp’d by M. *Alliés*; old M. *Divernet* succeeded in dilating the Passage perfectly, for a time; but, during the Campaigns of 1734. and 1735. the Stream of his Urine daily diminish’d. Bougies were again apply’d: The Introduction of one of them, that was too large, gave him Pain, and there shortly after came on an Inflammation, which reach’d from the end of the *Penis* to the *Perinæum*, where the Patient felt smart Pains: An Abscess form’d there, which was well cur’d, but the Pain always continu’d, though Remedies were us’d to take it off; henceforth the Patient could not get on horseback, or eat a little more than usual, without perceiving a tension in that part; this oblig’d him to have recourse again to Bougies, which somewhat dilated the Passage, but increas’d the Pain of the *Perinæum*: The Disease degenerating into a Strangury

gury in 1741. the Bougies were again us'd, with the same effect; in 1744. he was taken ill of a Fever, which turn'd to a Quartan; his Urine became very fetid, and deposited a large Sediment, and the Strangury follow'd: This disposition of the Urine always remain'd, and at the bottom of the Chamber-pot there was generally a very tenacious Matter, as thick as one's little Finger. In *October* he had a return of his Strangury, with a violent Fever, which was treated by M. *Balieu*, his Physician, who advis'd him to apply to me. I was then sent for, and search'd him, in the presence of that Physician: I found, in the middle of the *Urethra*, an Ulcer, with fungous edges, which were so much swell'd, that the Urine could not pass, even with the utmost Straining: He was brought to my House, as we had agreed, but, during a Journey, which I was oblig'd to make, to *Fontainebleau*, he had so cruel an Ischury, that he was oblig'd to send for M. *De la Faye*, to introduce the Catheter; in which he happily succeeded: In the way he broke an Abscess, which corresponded with the *Perinæum*, where the Patient had always felt the Pain; there was discharg'd from it much fetid Pus, and the Urine afterwards came out: The Catheter was left in the Bladder four whole Days, and on the fifth I put in its room one of my Sounds, which I repeated once in twenty-four Hours; for so far is a constant use of them from causing the least Pain, that they procure a considerable Relief. A plentiful Suppuration destroy'd the *Fungus* of the Ulcer, which was deterg'd, as well as the Abscess of the *Perinæum*; and the Patient was cur'd in four Months. By that time he had us'd my Remedies twelve Days, his Fever was intirely gone off.

Certificate of M. De Balieu.

“ I, Doctor of Physic, and Physician in ordinary
 “ to the King, do certify, That M. an
 “ old Officer of Foot, had long suffer’d a constant
 “ Stoppage of Urine from Carnosities in the *Urethra*,
 “ which were owing to ill-treated Gonorrhœas;
 “ and that he had had severe Suppressions of Urine.
 “ He was, particularly, in *October* 1746. seiz’d with
 “ one so violent, that his Life was greatly in danger;
 “ and as he found no relief from the usual Reine-
 “ dies, I advis’d him to go to M. *Daran*, Surgeon
 “ in ordinary to the King; who immediately began
 “ to treat him, after his new Method, with such
 “ success, that he has ever since enjoy’d a perfect State
 “ of Health. We are certainly highly oblig’d to this
 “ Surgeon for the Pains he has taken to arrive at so
 “ happy a Discovery, for the Good of those unhappy
 “ Persons who are afflicted with so cruel a Disease.

“ Paris, Nov. 4.
 “ 1747.

“ Sign’d,

“ DE BALIEU.”

C A S E 44.

M. *Le D* aged Sixty, a Person of the first
 Distinction, contracted, out of the Kingdom, a Go-
 norrhœa, which was perfectly well cur’d in three
 Months; but he was not so happy in 1733. A treat-
 ment of seven Months did not stop the Running of
 a second, which was attended with the most severe
 Symptoms: He perceiv’d, shortly after, that the
 Stream of his Water was lessen’d, and that he could
 not make it without Straining. The Symptoms
 continuing to increase for two Years, he came to

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Paris to recover his Health: Several of the most eminent Persons were consulted, and the Remedies they us'd, one in particular, for a whole Year, were attended with so little success, notwithstanding the hopes they had given him, that, in 1743. he had several total Retentions of Urine, which continu'd forty-eight Hours, with inexpressible Torture; he then apply'd to a Person of the first Character, who did not, indeed, promise him any service, nor did he procure him any during a treatment of two Years; his principal Remedy was leaden Probes, which very often did not pass the first Obstruction of the *Urethra*, and did not in the least help the total Suppressions: From hence he consider'd his Disease as incurable, seeing that eight Years past in Remedies had not prevented it from growing worse. When he heard of me, he sent to me, with M. *Molin's* knowlege, the 17th of *November* 1746. I search'd him, and found a fungous Excrescence about the middle of the *Urethra*, and on the *Verumontanum* a second, which was callous and ulcerated, which I treated after my Method; but the great use of improper Remedies had render'd the Disease stubborn, which was the reason he was not cur'd in less than five Months. This Patient is well known by M. *Molin*, who has certify'd his Cure.

Certificate of M. Du Molin.

“ I, Doctor of Physic of the Faculty of *Montpe-*
 “ *lier*, and Physician to the King in Consulta-
 “ tion, do certify, That M. *Le D* a Per-
 “ son of the first Distinction, whom I knew to have
 “ been afflicted with a Disease in his *Urethra*, he hav-
 “ ing several times consulted me about it, which
 “ was owing to Gonorrhoeas contracted in his
 “ Youth, which having produced Carnosities, or
 “ some

“ some other Obstruction, render’d him subject to
 “ total Suppressions, told me, That he was radically
 “ cur’d of all his Complaints by the Remedies of
 “ M. *Daran*, Surgeon in ordinary to the King.
 “ In Proof whereof, I have sign’d the present Cer-
 “ tificate.

“ Paris, July 2.

“ 1747.

“ Sign’d,

“ DU MOLIN.”

C A S E 45.

In November 1746. M. *De la Peyronie* desir’d me to see M. *Le Chevalier* of aged Thirty, who, in consequence of a Gonorrhœa which he had contracted in *Bavaria* in 1740. far from being reliev’d by the Remedies he took, observ’d, soon after, a diminution of the Stream of his Urine, which made such a rapid progress, that he had several Retentions. He was salivated; but the Relief he reap’d by it was but of a short continuance; and soon after the Symptoms became more violent, and the Retentions more frequent: He had, besides, an Incontinence of Urine; he was salivated again, without receiving the least benefit: A famous Surgeon of *Paris* salivated him a third time, telling him, that the former two had not been properly administred; but the success did not answer: He afterwards us’d several Remedies, to no purpose; and at last, in great distress, apply’d to M. *De la Peyronie*, who directed him to me, as I have already said. I discovered two Carnosities in the *Urethra*, and afterwards, near the excretory Ducts of the *Prostatae*, an Ulcer, from which proceeded the Running. This Patient was cur’d in three Months, or thereabouts.

Certificate of M. De la Peyronie.

“ I, First Surgeon and Physician to the King in
 “ Consultation, do certify, That I saw, and com-
 “ mitted to the care of M. *Daran*, the Person men-
 “ tion’d in the 45th *Case*, who had Carnosities in
 “ the *Urethra*, and a virulent Running; which he
 “ was perfectly cur’d of by the use of his Remedies.

“ Versailles, Apr. 4.

“ 1747.

“ *Sign’d*,

“ LA PEYRONIE.”

C A S E 46.

The Reader will find here the terrible effects, that
 ensu’d from a Gonorrhœa contracted a great many
 Years before. M. G..... aged Sixty, had this
 Disease in 1708. and tho’ it was of a pretty malign-
 ant nature, it was cur’d in two Months: Four
 Years after he made his Water with more difficulty,
 and he had a total Retention, which was reliev’d, at
 last, by the Catheter, but not without much diffi-
 culty: Four Years pass’d after this accident, and he
 found no inconvenience; but, after that time, the
 Stream of his Urine decreas’d, and the Heat grew
 more violent. To prevent any bad Consequences, he
 was directed to the use of leaden Probes, and cloth
 Sounds, which he did till 1744. he had, notwith-
 standing, the same Year, a second Retention, much
 more severe; for which the Catheter was pass’d up
 again, but with more difficulty than the first time:
 It was left in the Bladder forty Days, either on ac-
 count of the difficulty of drawing it out, or because
 they were afraid of causing an Irritation in doing it;
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however, it was necessary to be done, at last; and the Patient then found two Orifices in the *Urethra*, one at the extremity of the *Glans*, and two Fingers breadth lower a *Fistula*, through which the Urine constantly drained itself, not one drop passing the natural way. Having pass'd seven or eight Months without having any Pain in making Water, the Stream of it lessen'd again, and the Pain return'd; it continu'd till *August 1746*. when he had a third Retention, which lasted three Days, and gave way, at last, to a vast quantity of Remedies, which procur'd a plentiful discharge of a glewy Matter for two Months: The Pain afterwards lessen'd, but had return'd, for some time, when I was consulted. I saw the Patient, in the presence of M. *De Rabours*: I found the Passage intirely stopp'd up, the Sound entering no more than two Lines: This Excrescence reach'd to the *Fistula*, that is to say, to two Fingers breadth below the *Glans*. Introducing the Bougies thro' the *Fistula*, I found, on this side the Sphincter of the Bladder, three callous Obstacles, very near each other, and an Ulcer, which had produced, for thirty Years, a virulent Running: The Patient told me then, that he should think himself very happy, if I could procure a free Issue to the Water through the *Fistula*; but he was surpris'd, when I not only promis'd him what he desir'd, but to clear the Passage intirely, to heal the *Fistula*, and to stop the Running: And, thank God, I have perform'd my Promise in six Months. Let it not be objected, that this is a great length of time; I think there is no great confinement in using Remedies which, at most, only cause some Pain at the beginning, and don't force the Patient to keep to any Regimen: Those, only, should be impatient, who long to enter into their old Courses again. This Patient is known to M. *De la Richardiere*, as appears by his Certificate.

Certificate of M. De la Richardiere.

“ I, Sworn Master Surgeon of *St. Côme*, and Sur-
 “ geon of his late R. H. the Duke of *Orleans*
 “ Regent, do certify, That I was Witness to the
 “ Truth of all that is contain’d in the 46th *Case*;
 “ and am convinced, that the Method of *M. Daran*
 “ is the surest to destroy Carnosities in the *Urethra*
 “ succeeding Gonorrhœas. In Proof whereof, I
 “ have sign’d the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Nov. 27.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ MEHAIGUERY RICHARDIERE.”

C A S E 47.

Messieurs *Bouilhac* and *Morand* advis’d, in *December* 1746. *M. Du* aged Fifty, Major of the Regiment of to consult me upon a great Heat of Urine, and a Diminution of the Stream of it; it frequently coming out drop by drop, and sometimes stopping intirely. These Symptoms began in 1742. and they were the consequence of a Gonorrhœa contracted in 1733. which had been preceded by four others, some well, some ill cur’d, according to conveniencies and circumstances. The Patient had, in the *Urethra*, three several fungous Excrecences on this side the *Verumontanum*, and between the first and second an Ulcer, which had furnish’d, for above a Year, a virulent Running. I undertook him, and, four Months after, produced him, to Messieurs *Bouilhac* and *Morand*, perfectly cur’d.

Certi-

Certificate of M. Bouilhac.

“ I, First Physician to the Dauphin, do certify,
 “ That I saw M. *Du* Major of the Re-
 “ giment of who had suffer’d greatly, for
 “ many Years, from a Disease in the *Urethra*, which
 “ occasion’d frequent Suppressions of Urine; on
 “ which account, he was going to leave the service :
 “ And that I afterwards saw him intirely cur’d, by
 “ the assistance of M. *Daran*. This Cure, and se-
 “ veral others which I have known, make me con-
 “ sider this Remedy as the more valuable, consider-
 “ ing the frequency of this Disease, which is pro-
 “ ductive of painful Death; and for which all
 “ Researches have hitherto prov’d fruitless. In
 “ Proof whereof, I have sign’d the present Certi-
 “ ficate.

“ Fontainebleau,
 “ Nov. 10.
 “ 1746.

“ Sign’d,
 “ BOUILHAC.”

C A S E 48.

M. K. an *Armenian*, a Native of *Ispahan*,
 aged about Fifty, was marry’d at the Age of Twenty-
 five: Some time after his Marriage he felt Pain in
 the *Urethra*, as if there had been Fire throughout
 the whole length of it. Five Years pass’d without
 his finding any Relief for his Complaint; it even
 increas’d; for the Stream of his Urine became less,
 and it came out only with Straining, and was fork’d.
 The Remedies he made use of were equally inef-
 fectual, both against the old and new Symptoms:
 Some time after, he perceiv’d he could not emit the
Semen. Oblig’d, on account of commerce, to make

a Voyage to *Moscow*, he consulted the most skilful Physicians and Surgeons of that Capital without benefit: He was troubled, likewise, with a fresh Disorder; his Sight became dim. He then heard of my success, and determin'd to come to *France*: He arriv'd at *Paris* in *October* 1746. I search'd him, in the presence of a *Persian* Physician, Son to the first Physician of the King of *Persia*, and of M. *Jaccondiquel*, a *Persian*, who was our Interpreter: I found several Ulcers in the *Urethra*; the largest of them, which had callous edges, were near the excretory Ducts of *Cowper's* Glands: In two Months time all the Symptoms were gone, even the Dimness of Sight; but the Cure was not radical till a Month after. I prevail'd upon the Patient, notwithstanding his repugnance to it, to give M. *Cantwell* the History of his Case and Cure.

Certificate of M. Cantwell.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic of
 “ *Paris*, do certify, That, in *February* last, M.
 “ *Daran*, Surgeon, desir'd me to come to his
 “ House to see M. K. *Armenian*, an inhabit-
 “ ant of *Persia*, who told me, by an Interpreter,
 “ who was present, that he was come to *Europe* on
 “ purpose to be cur'd of a Disease with which he had
 “ been afflicted for a long time: It consisted in a
 “ continual Heat in the *Urethra*, from which he
 “ suffer'd extremely; the Passage was so contracted,
 “ that he could not make Water without great
 “ Straining; and in the time of the emission he ob-
 “ serv'd a total Suppression of the *Semen*: In this
 “ condition he set out from *Amsterdam*, where he
 “ had already us'd many Remedies, to no purpose,
 “ to put himself under the care of the aforesaid M.
 “ *Daran*, upon what he had heard of his Method,
 “ from

“ from which he had found such benefit in three
 “ Months time, that he was as well as if he had
 “ never had any Disorder in that Part; and that he
 “ would return to his own Country extremely well
 “ satisfy’d. In Proof whereof, I have sign’d the
 “ present Certificate.

“ Paris, April 3.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ CANTWELL.”

C A S E 49.

I was sent for, *December* 18. 1746. to see a Person, aged Fifty, nam’d M. *De B* He had suffer’d, for many Years, a Stoppage of Urine; he had, likewise, a periodical Fever, which return’d every Afternoon between Four and Five o’Clock, and a Loss of Appetite and Sleep: He often made Water, and discharg’d more *Pus* than Urine, as I perceiv’d in twelve Glasses, which were shewn me at my first Visit. I understood, upon making an Inquiry, that he had had formerly a Gonorrhœa, which was treated after the usual manner: I desir’d him to send for Messieurs *Vernage* and *Morand*, his Physician and Surgeon: The latter us’d all his endeavours to introduce a middle-siz’d Catheter into the Bladder; but was prevented by an Obstacle near the *Verumontanum*: I felt, myself, that Obstacle, with one of my Sounds, and promis’d to destroy it in a few Days, so as to be able to get the Catheter into the Bladder: For either this or the Kidneys were suppos’d affected, from the great quantity of *Pus* that was discharged with the Urine. I us’d my Remedies, which in three Days increas’d the Suppuration considerably; but on the fifth the Stream of his Urine grew larger, and the quantity of *Pus* lessen’d; the Fever grew likewise better,

better, and he began to sleep ; on the 8th his Water came in a full Stream, and the Quantity of Pus was remarkably less ; on the 15th there was neither Pus nor Fever ; he slept well, and his Appetite returned. Mess. *Vernage* and *Morand* were extremely surpris'd at the Effect of my Remedy, and to see, that all the Symptoms were intirely owing to a Disease of the *Urethra* : In three Months the Patient was intirely cured, except a small limpid Running, which intirely disappeared in ten Months.

Certificate of Mr. Vernage.

“ I Physician, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of
 “ *Paris*, do certify, That I was desired in
 “ *December* 1746. to visit Mr. *de B——*, aged
 “ about Fifty, at his House in ———, with Mr.
 “ *Daran*, Surgeon in ordinary to the King : The
 “ Patient had been afflicted many Years with a
 “ Stoppage of Urine, owing to Obstructions in
 “ the *Urethra*, from one or several virulent Gonorrhœas : He made his Water in a Stream no
 “ bigger than a Thread, and frequently drop by
 “ drop, and half of it was Pus ; he had no Appetite, and could not sleep ; he had also had a periodical Fever for some time. I saw him perfectly well cured of all his Complaints by Mr.
 “ *Daran*’s Method : In proof whereof I have signed
 “ the present Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ *Paris*, Aug. 12.

“ 1747.

“ VERNAGE.”

CASE

C A S E 50.

Mr. *de la M*——— contracted sixteen Years ago his second Gonorrhœa, which never stopt ; three Months after, the right Testicle swelled ; and, in spite of Remedies, the Swelling never went intirely down, nor did his Water come out more easily, tho' the Pains abated. The Running came from an Ulcer near the *Prostata* ; the Patient used other Remedies without preventing an Increase of his Disease, or enlarging the Stream of his Urine ; so far from it, that the Difficulty of making Water became so considerable, that in Straining he forced out the *Fæces*, and occasioned the Piles : The Stream of his Water did not exceed a small Thread ; it frequently was forked, and sometimes came only drop by drop ; when, consulting Mr. *Senac* concerning another Disease, he persuaded him to put himself under my Care : He came from *Liege* on purpose, and I searched him upon his Arrival, in the Presence of Mr. *Lagrange* : I found near the *Verumontanum* an Ulcer with callous Edges, which produced all the Symptoms cited above : They all intirely disappeared in two Months, and he was radically cured.

Certificate of Mr. Lagrange.

“ I, Master in Surgery, and Surgeon in ordinary
 “ to the King in his Artillery, do certify, That
 “ I saw and admired the Cure mentioned in the fore-
 “ going Case. This Success, joined to others
 “ which have fallen within my Knowledge, per-
 “ suades me, that Mr. *Daran* possesses the most
 “ efficacious Remedy against Carnosities, and other
 “ Diseases

" Diseases of the *Urethra* : In proof whereof I
 " have signed the present Certificate.

" Paris, Dec. 3.
 " 1747.

" Signed,

" LAGRAVE."

C A S E 51.

From three Gonorrhœas which *John R*———
 contracted from 1710. to 1724. the last only proved
 obstinate ; the astringent Injections which were used
 to suppress it, brought upon one of the Testicles
 a stubborn Inflammation : After that was dispersed,
 Remedies were used again, which stopt the Run-
 ning ; but, a few Days after, his Urine came from
 him with less Force, the Stream of it was less, and
 it very frequently scalded him : He was relieved
 from this Heat of Urine, for some Years, by a
 Surgeon ; but was not, however, secured from se-
 veral Suppressions. In 1743. he used other Reme-
 dies, which he was obliged to discontinue, on ac-
 count of an Inflammation of the Lower Belly, with
 a Swelling in the *Anus* : From that time he had
 a great Stoppage, and continual Heat of Urine,
 which obliged him to come to me, *April* the 31st,
 1746. In searching him, I found two different
 Obstacles in the *Urethra* ; one that was near the
 excretory Ducts of *Cowper's* Glands, was very cal-
 lous : He had, besides, a considerable Gleet. He
 was intirely cured by my Method, in four Months ;
 and he has continued well to this time, as appears
 by the following Certificate.

Certi-

Certificate of Mr. Malaval.

“ I, Sworn Surgeon, and Surgeon in ordinary to
 “ his Majesty in his Parliament-house, do cer-
 “ tify, That *John R——*, Snuff-box-maker,
 “ came to me the latter end of *April* 1746. com-
 “ plaining of a Stoppage of Urine, for which he
 “ had been under the Care of several Surgeons,
 “ who could not cure him; and telling me, that
 “ he designed to put himself under the Hands of
 “ Mr. *Daran*, who, he heard, had great Ex-
 “ perience in those kinds of Diseases: And on this
 “ Day, *December* the 9th, 1747. the aforesaid Pa-
 “ tient came to me again, assuring me, that he
 “ was perfectly cured by Mr. *Daran*’s Method, of
 “ whom the said Patient gave a great Character,
 “ and expressed a very great Satisfaction: In proof
 “ whereof I have signed the present Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, Dec. 9.

“ 1747.

“ MALAVAL.”

C A S E 52.

Mr. *de ——*, aged Fifty-eight, Captain of a
 Ship, and Knight of the military Order of *St. Louis*,
 from a Gonorrhoea contracted in 1722. which was
 carelessly treated, had for several Years a Gleet, at-
 tended with a slight shooting Pain; but he made
 his Water with Ease, and had no Pain in
 Erektion: Three Years after, he used several Re-
 medies, which did not procure him any Relief;
 after this he made several Campaigns, in which he
 did not live very soberly: In 1743. after a Debauch,
 where

where he had drank Wine of different Sorts, he had a total Suppression, which continued twenty-four Hours, with great Pain : The Catheter, which the Surgeon could not introduce without great Difficulty, brought away only a small Quantity of Urine and Blood : He was obliged to use internal Medicines, which facilitated, for twelve or fifteen Hours, the Exit of the Urine ; but in twenty-four Hours the Suppression returned. These Accidents made him observe a strict Regimen for three Years : In the mean time he often made bloody Water, lost his Appetite, had Lassitudes, and violent Pains in his Back : Notwithstanding the Use of a great many Remedies, he had the additional Symptom of an Incontinence of Urine. The Patient hoped, that Change of Air would do him good : In the Country where he went in 1736. his Incontinence of Urine and bloody Discharge were cured ; but he had still a Pain in making Water, and it was always forked : The Fatigues of the Service brought back his Incontinence of Urine : He had a *Dysury* more or less painful, and generally a Strangury ; his Water was always greatly loaded ; and at the latter end, instead of a ropy Matter, as formerly, his Water was whitish, very thick, and stained the Linen yellow. In June 1746. after suitable Precautions, Frictions were used to the *Penis*, Groins, and *Perinaeum*, which did the Patient no good : He was last of all advised to Injections of good Red Wine : All the Good they did, were rendering the inferior Part of the *Scrotum* and *Glans* less sensible. Such was his Condition, besides a *Tenesmus* as often as he made Water, when he set out from *Britany* to put himself under my Care. I searched him in Presence of Mr. *Molin*, and found a kind of Wart towards the middle of the *Urethra*, and a sordid Ulcer with callous Edges near the excretory Ducts of the Prostate Gland :

I used my Remedies ; and in less than three Months presented him to Mr. *Molin* perfectly cured. He gave me the following Certificate.

Certificate of Mr. Molin.

“ I, Doctor of Physic of the Faculty of *Mont-*
 “ *pelier*, and Physician to the King in Con-
 “ sultation, do certify, That in *April* last I was de-
 “ fired to go to the House of Mr. *Daran*, Sur-
 “ geon in ordinary to the King, to attest the Case
 “ of M. ———, Captain of a Man of War, who
 “ was come from the Coast of *Britanny* on purpose
 “ to put himself under the Care of the aforesaid
 “ Mr. *Daran*, for a Disease of his *Urethra*, which
 “ he had been troubled with about twenty-
 “ five Years : I observed, that it had produced
 “ Obstacles in the *Urethra*, either Carnosities, or
 “ other Substances, which did not suffer the Urine
 “ or Catheter to pass ; which had frequently en-
 “ dangered his Life by total Suppressions, and for
 “ some Years had rendered him subject to an invo-
 “ luntary Dribbling of his Urine. I saw him
 “ about three Months after, perfectly cured of all
 “ his Complaints, and making Water in a full
 “ Stream : In proof whereof I have signed the
 “ present Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, May 25.

“ 1747.

“ MOLIN.”

C A S E 53.

One B——, a Dealer in Hog's-flesh, aged about Forty, from 1730. to 1735. had five Gonorrhœas, which were but ill treated; and the latter ones in particular, astringent Injections being used: The last was attended with a Chancrous Ulcer on the Prepuce, and Pains throughout his Body, which obliged him to salivate: This carried off all the Symptoms, except the Stoppage of Urine: I should remark, that six Months before the last Gonorrhœa, he had perceived the Stream of his Urine to lessen; which Disorder grew upon him so fast, that he came to me *February* the 22d, 1747. with a total Retention of thirty Hours Continuance, with all the Pains that are only known to those who are so unhappy as to be tormented with it. I began by discharging the Urine by the particular Remedies which I use for the Ischury: It was caused by a fungous Excrescence in the middle of the *Urethra*, and a sordid Ulcer near the excretory Ducts of the Seminal Vesicles, which produced a virulent Gleet. I presented him, during his Cure, to Mess. *Combalusier*, *Brubier*, and *Medalon*, Doctors of Physic. He was cured by my Method in two Months; and I have since shewn him to the same Physicians. This Patient was sent me by Mr. *Laumonier*, Surgeon.

Certificate of Mr. Combalusier.

“ I, Doctor of Physic of the University of Mont-
 “ *pelier*, of the Royal Society of Sciences, and
 “ formerly Professor of the Faculty of *Valentia*, do
 “ certify, That the Patient of the 53d Case, whom
 “ I saw several times, was happily cured by Mr.
 “ *Daran*,

“ *Daran*, of a very dangerous *Ischury*, and of
 “ a fungous Excrecence of the *Urethra*, which
 “ had occasioned it : In proof whereof I have signed
 “ the present Certificate.

“ Paris, October 9.

“ 1747.

“ Signed,

“ COMBALUSIER.”

C A S E 54.

Mr. *de ———*, aged Thirty, contracted in 1744. a very mild *Gonorrhœa*, which was treated methodically ; and it accordingly soon stopt : However, a few Days after he left off his Medicines, he observed, that the Stream of his Water was less ; which so far grew upon him, that he had recourse to me *February* the 3d, 1747. with a very painful *Ischury*, of twenty-four Hours continuance : He had, however, shortly before, been salivated ; which, as is always the Case, had not removed the Cause of the Stoppage. I began by discharging the Water by a Bougie, prepared for that Purpose ; and I found in the Passage several fungous Excrecences, which were destroy'd in two Months and an half. I shewed him, during his Cure, to the Physicians named in the preceding Observation:

Certificate of Mr. Combalusier.

“ I, Doctor of Physic of the University of *Mont-*
 “ *pelier*, of the Royal Society of Sciences, and
 “ formerly Professor of the Faculty of *Valentia*, do
 “ attest, That I had ocular proof of the exact
 U “ Truth

“ Truth of what is contained in the 54th Case :
 “ In Proof whereof I have signed this Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, October 9.

“ COMBALUSIER.”

“ 1747.

C A S E 55.

M. ———, aged Sixty, contracted in 1719. a Gonorrhœa, which continued for three or four Years, by the same irregular manner of living which had first given rise to it ; and, after that time, stopt without any Remedy. About twelve Years ago he began to observe a Diminution in the Stream of his Water ; the Discharge of it was soon after attended with Heat ; the Disease in time increased in such a manner, that in 1739. he had a total Retention, which continued four Hours ; and, to relieve him, Mr. *Foubert* was obliged to pass the Catheter, which he did with much Difficulty. From that time the Patient had twelve total Retentions, which obliged him to have recourse to the same Expedient : At last, tired of being exposed to frequent Returns of this cruel Disease, he began about two Years ago, to introduce into the *Urethra* a Catgut, and was making use of that Palliative at the time he put himself under my Care. I searched him in Presence of Mr. *Foubert*, and found in the Canal several Obstacles, and at the Neck of the Bladder, on this side the Sphincter, an Ulcer which produced the Gleet, which the Patient had been troubled with above 24 Years. As I was obliged to make the use of my Remedies consistent with his way of Business, it was near five Months before he

was

was well ; and I afterwards presented him to Mr. Foubert, as appears by his Certificate.

Certificate of Mr. Foubert.

“ I, Surgeon in ordinary to the King in his Parlia-
 “ ment-house, and formerly first Surgeon of
 “ the Hospital *La Charité*, do certify, That
 “ M. ——— had the Catheter passed in the said
 “ Hospital, and at my House, several times, al-
 “ ways with Difficulty, to discharge his Urine ;
 “ and this on account of Carnosities in the *Ure-*
 “ *thra*, the usual Consequence of Gonorrhœas which
 “ have been ill-treated or neglected. In this Si-
 “ tuation Mr. *Daran* began the Treatment of the
 “ above-mentioned M. ——— ; and I have
 “ since examined him with a pretty large Bougie,
 “ which I made him introduce into the *Urethra*,
 “ and which passed with great Ease : Besides, the
 “ Patient assured me, that he found himself well :
 “ In proof whereof I have signed the present Cer-
 “ tificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, Sept. 24.

“ 1747.

FOUBERT.”

C A S E 56.

It is about thirty Years ago since M. *de la* ———, aged about Fifty-two, contracted a very mild Gonorrhœa ; the Running continued a whole Year, notwithstanding astringent Injections, which were early used : From that time to 1746. he had five Diseases of the same kind, which, as he thought,

were well treated : However, after the first, he began to observe, that the Stream of his Urine was less, and he had several total Retentions, which he did not assign to the true Cause, but to the Gravel, which he is subject to ; so that there is all the reason imaginable to suppose, that all his Complaints were owing to his first Gonorrhœa. He came to me *February* the 28th, 1747. and I searched him in the Presence of M. *Procope Couteau*. I found in the *Urethra* an Excrescence of a spongy Nature, near the *Prostatæ*, and an Ulcer which occasioned his Gleet. I treated him after my Method, and he was cured in three Months.

Certificate of M. Procope Couteau.

“ I Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic in
 “ the University of *Paris*, formerly Professor
 “ of the Schools, and actually Professor of Surgery in the *French* Language, do certify, That
 “ M. D——, the Subject of the 56th Case,
 “ was under the Care of, and cured by, Mr. *Daran*,
 “ Surgeon in ordinary to the King, of a Stoppage
 “ of Urine of a very long continuance, and which
 “ subjected him to total Retentions of Urine, occasioned by Carnosities in the *Urethra* : It is now
 “ a Year since his perfect Cure.

“ Signed,

“ MICHEL PROCOPE COUTEAU.”

“ Paris, October 22.

“ 1747.”

C A S E 57.

The Marquis of ———, an Officer of Distinction, aged Thirty-one, came from the Army in *Italy* on purpose to consult me about a constant Stoppage and Heat of Urine, and a virulent Gleet: These Complaints were owing to a Gonorrhœa contracted in 1733. which had been preceded by several others: Astringent Injections were used in this last, which contracted the *Urethra* in such a manner, that it proved a difficult matter to relax it again: After this Inconvenience was rectified, the Patient made Water pretty easily; but the Stream was very slender: This constantly grew upon him; and in 1742. he was attacked with an Ischury: This was relieved by the common Emollients, and eighteen Months passed pretty quietly: The same Complaint then returned, and it was relieved in the same manner: He was then advised to use the Leaden Probe, which did not prevent several total Retentions, or cure the Stoppage and Heat of Urine, or the Gleet: This determined him to apply to me *February* the 12th, 1747. I found, by the means of my Bougies, an Excrescence near the *Verumontanum*, and a callous Ulcer on the excretory Ducts of the Seminal Vesicles: This, besides the Complaints already mentioned, rendered him impotent, the Emission being imperfect; at least I have reason to attribute to that Cause his want of Children, as both he and his Wife were in the flower of their Age. I undertook him, and perfectly cured him in two Months and an half, with M. *Faget's* Knowledge; as the following Certificate shews.

Certificate of M. Faget.

“ I, Master-Surgeon, and Surgeon to the Queen,
 “ do certify, That I have seen several Patients
 “ perfectly cur’d of Diseases of the *Urethra*, by M.
 “ *Daran’s* new Method; and him, in particular,
 “ who is mention’d in the 57th *Case*: And that
 “ Surgery is greatly indebted to him for the Disco-
 “ very of an infallible Remedy, which the greatest
 “ Masters have hitherto been in search after, to no
 “ purpose.

“ Paris, Nov. 6,

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ FAGET.”

C A S E 58.

The Chevalier an Officer, aged Fifty,
 contracted in 1724. a Gonorrhœa, that was attended
 with two Buboës, which were brought to Suppura-
 tion, and their Discharge was very plentiful without
 ever lessening either the Running, or Heat of Urine,
 The Obstinacy of the Running oblig’d him to have
 recourse to astringent Injections, which were as in-
 effectual as his other Remedies: The Patient, satis-
 fy’d with having no other inconvenience, resolv’d to
 leave it to itself; and he had no reason to repent of
 it for twelve Years: He then perceiv’d a diminution
 of the Stream of his Urine, which grew upon him
 in such a manner, that it became no bigger than a
 Thread, and often came out drop by drop: From
 that time, to the present, he has had above an hun-
 dred total Retentions, of different durations, which
 could

could only be reliev'd by Emollients; for an introduction of the Catheter was several times attempted ineffectually; they never got it in above two Fingers breadth. Two Years ago he had a fresh Symptom, an involuntary coming away of his Urine; this Complication oblig'd him to apply to me, notwithstanding the Prognostic of M. who assur'd him, that his Disorder was incurable. I search'd him, in the presence of M. *Godefroy*, and found, near the *Fossa Navicularis*, a Callosity, which I suppurated; by which means, in a few Days, I discover'd others farther down: The *Verumontanum* was likewise intirely ulcerated, and surrounded with scirrhus Substances. In this condition, I got M. *Ferrin* to examine him. He was cur'd in less than four Months and an half, though, during his Cure, he had several Attacks of an irregular Fever, occasion'd by the bad quality of the Matter supply'd by the diseas'd Parts.

Certificate of M. Ferrin.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic in
 “ *Paris*, do certify, That as I was occasionally
 “ at the House of M. *Daran*, Surgeon in Ordinary
 “ to the King, I saw the condition of the Chevalier
 “ an Officer, who was come to put himself
 “ under his care. He had, in consequence of a
 “ Gonorrhœa contracted in 1724. a continual Strangury, owing to Carnosities, which stopp'd up the
 “ *Urethra* in such a manner, that his Water only
 “ came drop by drop, with great Straining; and
 “ the Sounds, which that Surgeon uses in these Diseases, did not pass farther in than two Fingers
 “ breadth: He had, besides, an involuntary dribbling of Urine from his *Urethra*. I afterwards
 “ saw

“ saw him making Water in a full Stream, and perfectly cur’d.

“ Paris, Sept. 6.

“ 1747.

“ Sign’d,

“ FERRIN.”

C A S E 59.

The Marquis of an Officer of Horse, aged Twenty-nine, was a long time under the care of a skilful Surgeon for a Gonorrhœa contracted about ten Years ago: He afterwards apply’d to another Surgeon, who only added, to the preceding treatment, Injections, which did but make him worse: A third only introduced into the *Urethra* a leaden Probe rubb’d with the *Neapolitan* Ointment: Notwithstanding all these Remedies, the Running still continu’d, and the Discharge of it was painful and difficult. The Patient’s uneasiness oblig’d him to have recourse to M. *De la Peyronie*, who persuaded him to come to me, which he did *February 6. 1747.* I found three different sordid Ulcers in the Passage on this side the *Prostate*: As the Patient was oblig’d to return to *Versailles*, he thought proper to use M. *Chicoyneau*’s recommendation to me; and, upon his return, brought me a Letter from him. I immediately began with him, and had the satisfaction of curing him perfectly in two Months; and of convincing the first Physician, with his own Eyes, of his perfect Cure; as also M. *De la Peyronie*, as appears by his Certificate,

Certi-

Certificate of M. De la Peyronie.

“ I, First Surgeon and Physician to the King in
 “ Consultation, do certify, That I saw, and put
 “ under the care of M. *Daran*, the Person mention’d
 “ in the 59th *Case*, who had Carnosities in the *Ure-*
 “ *thra*, and a virulent Gleet, whereof he was per-
 “ fectly cur’d by his Remedies.

“ Versailles, Apr. 4.

“ 1747,

“ Sign’d,

“ LA PEYRONIE.”

C A S E 60.

M. *De la* an Officer of Horse, aged about
 Thirty-five, having been a long time ineffectually
 under Cure for a Gonorrhœa contracted in 1740.
 had recourse to astringent Injections, which con-
 tracted the *Urethra*, without stopping the Running:
 They were only discontinu’d on account of a conti-
 nual Fever occasion’d by the Fatigue of the Cam-
 paign. After he had been in the Field three Months,
 finding himself better, he return’d to the use of them:
 They contracted the Passage in such a manner, that
 the Stream of his Water was no bigger than a
 Thread, and it frequently came only drop by drop:
 He had, likewise, five or six total Retentions, which
 were very severe, and requir’d the introduction of
 the Catheter, which was attended with excessive Pain,
 and tore the Obstacles in its Way. In this condition
 he heard of me, and, by the advice of M. *Lousta-*
nau, Surgeon, he came to consult me. I found, by
 the means of my Sounds, two callous Ulcers, one
 at the *Fossa Navicularis*, and the other lower down.
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This Patient had only a watery Running, the grosser Matter sticking on the Ulcers: It, however, appear'd upon using my Sounds, and he was perfectly cur'd in three Months; as appears by M. *Loustaunau's* Certificate.

Certificate of M. Loustaunau.

“ I, Surgeon to the King, and Royal Family, do
 “ certify, That M. *Daran* treated and cur'd, by
 “ his new Method, M. *De la* who had a
 “ very complicated Stoppage of Urine of two Years
 “ continuance, owing to Obstacles in the *Urethra*;
 “ and that, for this Year past, he has made Water
 “ in a full Stream, and without Pain. And, as a
 “ Proof of the Cure, I have given him the present
 “ Certificate.

“ Versailles, Nov. 3:
 “ 1747.

“ Signed,

“ LOUSTAUNAU.”

C A S E 61.

Peter aged Twenty-six, contracted in 1744. a Gonorrhœa, which, after some Days, occasion'd so considerable a Fluxion upon one of the Testicles, that it was swell'd to an enormous size: The Running ceas'd, till proper Remedies had brought the Testicle to its former state: After a treatment of six Weeks, he us'd astringent Injections, which stopp'd the Running, and made him believe that he was cur'd: Some Months after, he perceiv'd a small Heat in making Water; and this return'd several times, in the course of the Year: After this, he perceiv'd a diminution of the Stream of his Urine, which continu'd

tinu'd to grow upon him, till he apply'd to me, by the advice of one of his friends, whom I had cur'd. I search'd him, *March 15. 1747.* in the presence of *M. Casaubon*; and found, in the middle of the *Urethra*, an Ulcer with very callous edges, which occasion'd a plentiful Discharge. I treated him after my Method, and he was well in two Months and an half.

Certificate of M. Casaubon.

“ I, Sworn Surgeon of *St. Côme*, do certify, That
 “ I, *Peter* aged Twenty-six, had, in consequence of a Gonorrhœa contracted in 1744. a
 “ Stoppage of Urine occasion'd by Carnosities in
 “ the *Urethra*, from which he suffer'd greatly, and
 “ whereof he was perfectly cur'd, by the Remedies
 “ of *M. Daran*, Surgeon in Ordinary to the King.
 “ In Proof whereof, I have given the present Certificate.
 “ *M. Falconet.*

“ Paris, Octob. 5, “ Sign'd,
 “ 1747. “ *CASAUBON.*”

C A S E 62.

M. aged Fifty, having us'd vitriolic Injections for a Gonorrhœa he contracted twenty-five Years ago, was so far from being reliev'd by them, that he had, shortly afterwards, total Retentions of Urine: Some Years pass'd without his feeling much Pain, except from his Suppressions, which, at most, us'd to last two Hours; after which, he made his Water pretty well. Fearing worse consequences, he us'd various Remedies, which procur'd him only a small Relief for five or six Months, at which time the

the same Stoppage return'd, and he was oblig'd to have recourse to the same Remedies. Such was his condition till 1741. The Year following a fistulous Abscess form'd in *Perinæo*, which was cur'd by the Operation; but it only took off the Pain, without facilitating the Passage of the Urine, which came out like a small Thread, and generally fork'd. His Pain and Stoppage of Water returning in 1747. he consulted M. Surgeon, who told him, he must, without hesitation, apply to me, who was the only Person from whom he could expect a radical Cure. The Patient, accordingly, came to me: I search'd him, in his presence; and found, pretty near the *Verumontanum*, a Callosity long and flat; and a little on this side of it a sordid Ulcer. I treated him after my Method, and, to M. *Falconet*'s knowlege, he was cur'd in less than two Months and an half.

Certificate of M. Falconet.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic of
 “ *Paris*, and Physician to the King in Consulta-
 “ tion, do certify, That all that is related in the
 “ 62d Case, concerning the Disease of M. is
 “ exactly conformable to truth; having seen the Pa-
 “ tient, both before and after his Cure.

“ Sign'd,

“ FALCONET.”

C A S E 63.

March 21. 1747. I search'd, in the presence of M. *Procope*, M. aged Thirty-three, formerly an Officer of Foot in the King's service; and found
 a sordid

a fordid Ulcer, with callous edges, a little below the *Fossa Navicularis*; and a second, which was of an extreme sensibility, near the *Verumontanum*: This supply'd the purulent Gleet, which the Patient had been troubled with for seven Years. He had in 1740. when he was twenty-six Years of Age, a very obstinate Gonorrhœa, which was suppress'd by astringent Injections us'd towards the end of the Course: The Running did not seem to have any bad quality, but was plentiful. In 1745. he observ'd a diminution of the Stream of his Water; shortly after he had a bad Stoppage of it, which degenerated into a Strangury: Many Remedies were us'd, to no purpose; and did not prevent two total Suppressions, one of which happen'd in *November* last: It was then he heard of me, and he determin'd to put himself under my care, which he has had no room to repent of; as he went away perfectly cur'd in seventy Days.

Certificate of M. Procope Couteau.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic in
 “ the University of *Paris*, formerly Professor of
 “ the Schools, and Professor of Surgery in the
 “ *French* Language, do certify, That M.
 “ formerly an Officer of Foot in the Regiment of
 “ came from *Clermont* in *Auvergne*, on pur-
 “ pose to put himself under the care of M. *Daran*,
 “ Surgeon in Ordinary to the King, for an inveterate
 “ Stoppage of Urine mention'd in the 63d *Case*;
 “ whereof he was perfectly cur'd by that Surgeon's
 “ new Method.

“ Paris, Octob. 22.

“ Sign'd,

“ 1747.

“ MICHEL PROCOPE COUTEAU.”

C A S E 64.

About six Years ago M. L aged Sixty, perceiv'd an Heat and Inflammation in his *Penis*: As he knew not what a Gonorrhœa was, according to his account, he neglected it; and, three Years after, the complaint had made such a progress, that he could not make Water without violent Straining, which sometimes forced out the *Rectum* and *Fæces*; and yet the Urine came only like a Thread, and even sometimes only drop by drop. As his Family subsisted only by his Labour, he consulted a Physician, who told him, he had an Ulcer in his Bladder, and advis'd him to take Cassia in Milk. This Remedy procuring no good effect, he apply'd to M. who took the pains to bring him to me. I search'd him, in the presence of M. *De la Haye*, and found in the middle of the *Urethra* a sordid Ulcer with fungous edges; which was perfectly deterg'd, and cicatriz'd, in thirty-nine Days, without the intervention of any Accident.

Certificate of M. De la Haye.

“ I, Master-Surgeon, Senior Provost of the Com-
 “ pany, and Member of the Royal Academy of
 “ Surgery, do certify, That the justice done to M.
 “ *Daran*, concerning the Cure of the Diseases of
 “ the *Urethra*, is founded on several Proofs, some of
 “ which I have been Witness to myself; and, in par-
 “ ticular, to the *Case* mention'd in the preceding
 “ Relation. In Proof whereof, I have given this
 “ Certificate.

“ Paris, Dec. 3.
 “ 1747.

“ *Sign'd*,
 “ DE LA HAYE.”

C A S E 65.

M. G aged Sixty-seven, contracted, twenty Years ago, a virulent Gonorrhœa, which he manag'd himself: He thought himself perfectly cur'd in 26 Days. Four Years ago he became sensible of his Error; a virulent Running appear'd: But as it was not attended with Pain, he neglected it. Two Years after he made his Water with much Heat and Pain: This complaint increas'd upon him the six succeeding Months, so that his Water has come out like a Thread, and frequently drop by drop, with insupportable Pain, for this Year and an half past. Having heard of my success in the Diseases of the *Urethra*, he came to consult me; and, after examining him, I told him it was my custom to have a Surgeon attest the Disease, before I undertook it: He told me, he knew M. Sue, who might do it. I desir'd him to come to my House, and I search'd the Patient before him, and made him, *May 15. 1747.* touch an Obstacle which almost clos'd up the *Urethra*, and just suffer'd the Urine to distil through. At first my Sounds hardly went in four or five Lines; but gradually melted the Excrescence, which appears to have been near three Fingers breadth long: When the Passage was free, I discover'd a sordid Ulcer near the *Prostata*, which occasion'd the virulent Running, and an Incontinence of Urine. I treated him according to my Method, and he was cur'd in three Months.

Certificate of M. Sue.

“ I Sworn Surgeon and Provost of *St. Côme*, in
 “ the City of *Paris*, do certify, That, *May 15.*
 “ 1747. I was sent for, by M. *Daran*, Surgeon in
 “ Ordi-

“ Ordinary to the King, to examine M. G
 “ aged about Sixty-seven; who told me, that, for
 “ a Year and an half, he had been troubled with a
 “ Disease of the *Uretbra* commonly call’d a Car-
 “ nosity, which occasion’d him a Strangury, at-
 “ tended with a purulent Gleet; that, after this
 “ representation of his Case, he was search’d; and
 “ that the Instrument, after having pass’d in about
 “ two Inches, found a Resistance and Obstructions,
 “ which did not permit it to go in farther; that,
 “ after his Case had been examin’d and attested, M.
 “ G determin’d to put himself under the care
 “ of M. *Daran*; and that, three Months after he
 “ began his Remedies, upon examining him again,
 “ he appear’d to me intirely cur’d, as well from my
 “ being able to pass the Probe with ease, as from his
 “ making Water in a full Stream. In Proof whereof,
 “ I have deliver’d the present Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, Nov. 10.

“ 1747.

“ SUE.”

C A S E 66.

M. aged Forty-five, was well cur’d of
 four Gonorrhœas contracted from 1720. to 1735.
 when he ran a fresh risque; and if he had reason to
 repent of his imprudence in exposing himself, he had
 a farther reason for sorrow; not being able to meet
 with a Cure. The virulent Running remain’d, the
 Stream of his Water lessen’d, and ever since 1739.
 it has not exceeded a fine Thread: It has frequently
 come away drop by drop, with Heat, Straining, and
 a prodigious desire to make it; sometimes it dribbled
 from him involuntarily. He was in this situation
January 18. 1747. when an additional complaint
 appear’d: There came a considerable painful Swell-
 ing

ing on the right Testicle: This determin'd him to put himself under my care, as M. *Senac*, Physician to the King in Consultation, had advis'd him. I found three different Obstacles in the *Urethra*: I treated him after my Method, to the knowlege of Messieurs *Falconet*, *Senac*, and *De la Martiniere*; and he was perfectly cur'd in three Months, without the intervention of any Accident.

Certificate of M. Falconet.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic of
 “ *Paris*, and Physician to the King in Consulta-
 “ tion, do certify, That all that is related in the
 “ 66th *Case*, concerning the Disease of M.
 “ is exactly conformable to Truth; having seen the
 “ Patient, both before and after his Cure by M.
 “ *Daran*.

“ Sign'd,

“ FALCONET.”

C A S E 67.

April 18. 1747. M. *Moreau* did me the honour of bringing me M. aged Fifty, who was come from *Nevers* on purpose to consult me. He had suffer'd, for twenty-four Hours, a total Suppression, attended with all the Pain which that cruel Disease occasions. I immediately procur'd a Discharge to the Urine, in the presence of M. *Moreau*; after which, I examin'd the state of his *Urethra*, and found, about the middle of it, a fungous Excrecence, and a fordid Ulcer, near *Cowper's* Glands: It was the remains of a fourth Gonorrhœa contracted in 1732. and treated with the same Remedies as the fore-

going, which, having been well cur'd, made him easy about the event of this last: He would still have continu'd in this Error, if, eight Years after his Cure, he had not been afflicted with a Retention of Urine occasion'd by his having heated himself with a Woman who was perfectly sound: This Accident was attended with no ill Consequences for four Years; but from that time, upon any kind of excess, he has always suffer'd Retentions of Urine. The fatigue of his Journey from *Nevers* to *Paris*, to consult me, had occasion'd a Retention, which he actually labour'd under when he put himself under my care: A few Days after, I shew'd him to M. *Combalusier*, and in less than two Months I put him in a condition to wait upon him perfectly cur'd.

Certificate of M. Combalusier.

" I, Doctor of Physic of the University of *Mont-*
 " *pelier*, of the Royal Society of Sciences, and
 " formerly Professor of the Faculty of *Valentia*, do
 " certify, That the Patient mention'd in the 67th
 " Case, and whom I saw several times, was happily
 " deliver'd, by M. *Daran*, from a very dangerous
 " Ischury; as, likewise, from an Excrescence in the
 " *Urethra*, which had occasion'd it. In Proof
 " whereof, I have sign'd the present Certificate.

" Paris, Octob. 9.

" Sign'd,

" 1747.

" COMBALUSIER."

CASE

C A S E . 68.

Mr. aged Forty, contracted, seven Years ago, a Gonorrhœa, for which he was a long while under Cure. The Surgeon, whom he had apply'd to, not being able to cure it, thought that a Salivation would prove more effectual than the Remedies he had hitherto administred; and, accordingly, salivated him: But a *Fistula in Perineo*, and a Stoppage of Urine, soon convinced him of his error. The Stoppage of Urine constantly increas'd, and it was discharg'd thro' the *Fistula*. Another Surgeon, whom the Patient had recourse to some time after, entertaining the same Notion as the former, salivated him again, with the same success; and, to cicatrize the *Fistula*, introduced into the *Urethra* a Sound, which he continu'd there for eight Days: The *Fistula* appear'd to be clos'd; but it soon broke out again, and the Patient labour'd under the same Complaints; and had, besides, a plentiful Gleet, which had never been stopp'd from the beginning: He then apply'd to a third Surgeon, who cicatriz'd the *Fistula*, and stopp'd the Running: Nothing troubled the Patient now but the diminution of the Stream of his Water. He shortly after contracted another Gonorrhœa, which was pretty well treated; but as the first had not been cur'd, the Stoppage of Urine continu'd, and even increas'd to such an height, that he was in danger of his Life. Some Medicines, which he took, reliev'd him, for a short time; and the same Symptoms return'd, with the addition of an involuntary coming away of his Urine. Now, quite tir'd out with the Pains he felt in making Water, and with the frequent Attacks of a terrible Fever, which made his situation excessively miserable, he endeavour'd to procure himself Relief, by applying to another Surgeon;

who, following the same Road as the former, salivated him again. Here was a third Proof of the Inefficacy of Mercury, in these Cases: Far from being cur'd, an Abscess form'd in *Perinæo*, which occasion'd several *Fistulas*, notwithstanding all the care that was taken to prevent them; and the Urine came out this way more readily than by the natural Passage, thro' which there came only a small quantity at a time, drop by drop, and with great Pain. This was his condition when he apply'd to me. I search'd him, in the presence of M. *Foubert*, and found the *Urethra* full of callous Excrescences near the place where the *Fistulas* were. Having got M. *Foubert* to attest this his melancholy condition, I treated him after my new Method, and cur'd him perfectly in two Months and an half.

Certificate of M. Foubert.

"I, Master-Surgeon, and Surgeon in Ordinary to
 "the King in his Parliament-house, and formerly
 "Surgeon-Major of the Hospital of *La Charité*, do certify, That M. sent for me to
 "M. *Daran's*, Surgeon in Ordinary to the King;
 "and desir'd me to examine and attest his Case. I
 "discover'd two *Fistulas in Perinæo*, thro' which
 "the Urine issu'd out, as well as by the *Penis*,
 "whence it came only drop by drop, and frequently
 "with great Pain: And nothing justifies better the
 "new Method of M. *Daran*, for the Diseases of the
 "*Urethra*, than the perfect Cure of this Patient;
 "who waited upon me making Water in a full
 "Stream, and with his *Fistulas* intirely cicatrized.
 "This Case, join'd to others whereof I have been
 "Witness, prove, that the Remedies he uses for
 "these Diseases, are of the utmost Efficacy; and
 "that those who have the misfortune to labour
 "under

“ under them may promise themselves a certain
 “ Cure from him. The Interest of the Public re-
 “ quires, that I should render him this Justice : In
 “ consideration whereof, I have given the present
 “ Certificate.

“ Paris, Nov. 15.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ FOUBERT.”

C A S E 69.

M. aged Thirty-five, confess’d to me,
April 20. 1747. that he had had seven Gonorrhœas,
 the first twenty or one-and-twenty Years ago. Find-
 ing that a Year’s treatment had procur’d him but
 a small relief, he stopp’d the Running with In-
 jections, which did not carry off the Heat of Urine;
 but, in the room of his Running, he had a Stoppage
 of Urine, which has since continu’d to increase, his
 other Gonorrhœas having been treated after the same
 manner: He had, eight Years ago, a total Suppres-
 sion, which was cur’d by the warm Bath; but that
 Remedy did not lessen a cruel Strangury, which still
 remain’d when the Patient consulted me. I search’d
 him, in the presence of M. *Procope*; and found, in the
 middle of the *Urethra*, an Excrescence of fungous
 Flesh; and a second, which was long and soft, near
 the *Prostata*: This last was ulcerated, and supply’d a
 virulent Running. I treated him after my new Me-
 thod, and was so lucky as to cure him in less than
 three Months.

Certificate of M. Procope Couteau.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic in
 “ the University of *Paris*, formerly Professor
 “ of the Schools, and Professor of Surgery in the
 “ *French* Language, do certify, That M.
 “ the Subject of the 69th *Case*, was perfectly cur’d
 “ by the new Method of M. *Daran*, Surgeon in
 “ Ordinary to the King, of an Habitual Strangury,
 “ which he had labour’d under for a long while,
 “ and which had occasion’d several total Suppres-
 “ sions, being originally occasion’d by former Go-
 “ norrhœas.

“ Paris, Oct. 22. “ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ MICHEL PROCOPE COUTEAU.”

Certificate of M. Le Hoc.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic in the
 “ University of *Paris*, formerly Physician in
 “ Ordinary to the King in the *Chatelet*, and Physi-
 “ cian in Ordinary to the *Hôtel-Dieu*, and to the
 “ Royal Hospital of *La Charité* of *Paris*, do cer-
 “ tify, That I saw, and had under my care, a friend
 “ of mine, who had a Stoppage of Urine, and con-
 “ siderable Pains every time he attempted to make
 “ it: These Complaints were owing to Carnosities
 “ in the *Urethra*. His Cure being, to all appear-
 “ ance, as perfect as possible, by the Remedies of
 “ M. *Daran*, Surgeon in Ordinary to the King, I
 “ think it is my Duty towards the Public to deliver
 “ the present Certificate,

“ Sign’d,

“ Paris, Oct. 23.

“ 1747.

“ LE HOC.”

C A S E 70.

In 1740. M. contracted a Gonorrhœa, which a variety of Remedies did not carry off, and which, likewise, prov'd obstinate to astringent Injections: They only serv'd to contract the Passage. The use of them was interrupted by an Illness; and then they were us'd again, without any other effect than that of occasioning so considerable a Streightening of the *Urethra*, that the Urine did not exceed the bigness of a Thread, and was frequently interrupted in its Course. From that time, the Patient has had several cruel Suppressions, which have, however, yielded to a Course of relaxing Remedies. Having then consulted M. *Desport*, he advis'd him to put himself under my care, which he did *March 7. 1746.* Upon searching him, I found two callous Ulcers, one at the *Fossa Navicularis*, and another a little lower: He had only a limpid Running, because the more gross Matter was retain'd; but my Sounds render'd it very virulent. He was cur'd in three Months, as appears by the following Certificate.

Certificate of M. Desport.

“ I, Surgeon to the Queen, and Surgeon-Major in
 “ the King's Camps and Armies, do certify,
 “ That M. was afflicted with an Habitual
 “ Strangury, occasion'd by Carnosities in the *Ure-*
 “ *thra* from former Gonorrhœas, which had, at five
 “ different times, produced Retentions, and twice,
 “ in particular, brought him to Death's door. I saw
 “ him perfectly recover'd from this Illness by the
 “ care of M. *Daran*, Surgeon to the King. In
 “ Proof

“ Proof whereof, I have deliver’d the present Certificate.

“ Versailles, Oct. 2.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ DESPORT.”

C A S E 71.

The Chevalier aged Sixty-six, Captain in the Regiment of having dedicated almost all his life to the King’s service, was upon the point of quitting it, on account of his incapacity of continuing it, when he apply’d to me, *May 18. 1747.* He confess’d to me, that he had had several Gonorrhœas: The second of them, contracted in 1723. was of a very bad sort, and was stopp’d, at last, by astringent Injections, which contracted the Passage in such a manner, that his Urine could hardly come out: He had, besides, a great Swelling in his Testicle, which was painful. In this condition two Surgeons were consulted, who agreed to make the Puncture *in Perinæo*; which was accordingly done by one of them, and produced a *Fistula*: Some time after, he had a fresh Abscess, with Hardness, in the *Perinæum* and *Scrotum*, which oblig’d him to put himself in the hands of M. Master-Surgeon of *St. Côme*, who heal’d the *Fistula* and Ulcers, which had succeeded the hard Swellings mention’d above. From that time, that is, from 1723. to 1746. he kept pretty well; but, upon his return from the Campaign, he was taken ill with an Intermittent Fever, and felt Shootings in making Water: He thought to relieve himself by introducing a leaden Probe, which broke as he was pulling it out: He was obliged to have an Incision made in the *Urethra*, to extract the Piece that remain’d behind, which had been kept in by the Sphincter

Sphincter of the Bladder: In a Month he was cur'd of his Wound; but he perceiv'd, that the Stream of his Urine was less, and that his Disease increas'd upon him; upon which account, he apply'd to me. I found him in the following situation: He had the Passage intirely obstructed from the root of the *Glans* to a *Fistula* situated towards the middle of the *Urethra*: The Reader will certainly be surpris'd, that the Patient has not taken notice of this Symptom in the History of his Case written by himself, from which I extracted the preceding circumstances; and that he has not made the least mention of the Obstruction between the *Fistula* and the *Glans*: But the Patient had had these two Complaints about twenty Years; and, besides his being accusom'd to them, he had no thought of having them cur'd; content with making Water thro' the *Fistula*, as he had done for so long a time: But it is my business to give a description of them. The Patient, seeing that his Urine was intercepted by the Obstacle I have just mention'd, apply'd to a Surgeon, who pretended to cure Carnosities: He us'd Caustics, which corroded the sound Part of the *Urethra*, and the Integuments of the *Corpora Cavernosa*, without touching the Obstruction: There was such a loss of Substance, that it was not possible to repair it; and a *Fistula* was the result of it: As he made Water freely thro' it, he did not dare to trust to any of those Gentlemen who cure the consequences of Gonorrhœas, but neglected it; and the Excrescence increas'd, in the mean while, so as to close up the *Urethra*. It resembled a large *French Bean*; and I distinctly shew'd it, thro' the fistulous Opening, to Messieurs *Falconet*, *Ferrin*, *Procope*, and *Brubier*, Doctors of Physic, as an evident Proof of Carnosities. It was not upon this account that the Patient came to me, but for an Obstacle which hinder'd the Urine from passing freely thro' the *Fistula*: It was situated near the *Prostatæ*:

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This latter, being of the greatest consequence, more particularly engag'd my attention: But, to give a better Proof of the efficacy of my Remedy, I at the same time attack'd the Carnosity near the *Glans*, and had the satisfaction of curing it in a very little time: As to the other Obstacle, which was farther down, it prov'd more obstinate; however, it yielded to my Sounds, and I produced the Patient to the Physicians mention'd above, perfectly cur'd, before he set out for his Regiment.

Certificate of M. Falconet.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic at
 “ *Paris*, do certify, That I saw, at the House
 “ of M. *Daran*, Surgeon in Ordinary to the King,
 “ the Chevalier a Captain, who had a Stop-
 “ page of Urine, owing to several Gonorrhœas,
 “ which had reduced him to the most deplorable
 “ condition; having the *Urethra* intirely stopp'd up
 “ by Carnosities, his Urine dribbling involuntarily
 “ through a *Fistula*. I afterwards saw this Patient
 “ leave M. *Daran*, perfectly cur'd of all his Dis-
 “ orders. In Proof whereof, I have given the pre-
 “ sent Certificate.

“ Paris, Sept. 15.

“ 1747.

“ Sign'd,

“ FALCONET.”

Certificate of Mr. Ferrin.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic at
 “ *Paris*, do certify, That every thing related
 “ above, concerning the Disease and Cure of the
 “ Chevalier of ———, a Captain, is exactly con-
 “ formable

“formable to Truth : In proof whereof I have
“signed the present Certificate.

“Signed,

“Paris, Sept. 17.

“1747.

“FERRIN.”

C A S E 72.

Mr. J—— J——, aged Fifty-five, contracted in 1726. a Gonorrhœa, which, after a Twelvemonth's Continuance, was stopt at last by astringent Injections : In 1742. the Stream of his Urine lessened ; and he had Heat and Difficulty in his voiding it : Two Years after, he had a total Retention ; and Mr. ———, an eminent Surgeon, who was sent for, could not introduce either the Catheter, or a Bougie : It yielded to the usual Emollients ; but an habitual Strangury remained, which was frequently attended with an involuntary coming away of his Water : In July 1746. he had a fresh Suppression, for which he was eight times bled, without making a drop of Water, but an urinous Abscess formed under the *Scrotum* ; upon which account M. Boudou was sent for, who desired I might be immediately called in, as the only Person able to deliver the Patient from this melancholy Situation. I immediately passed one of my Sounds, and discharged Water enough to relieve him ; and found on this Side the *Verumontanum* two Obstacles, one of which was ulcerated, and had occasioned a Running for twenty Years : I treated these Obstructions after my new Method ; and he was intirely cured in two Months.

Certificate

Certificate of M. Boudou.

“ I, Surgeon of *St. Côme*, and Surgeon in Chief
 “ to the *Hôtel-Dieu* of *Paris*, do certify, That
 “ I was sent for to the House of the Count of ———,
 “ to see *J—— J—— T——*, who had an urinous
 “ Abscess under the *Scrotum*, with a total Reten-
 “ tion of Urine, caused by Carnosities in the *Urethra*,
 “ which were owing to old Gonorrhœas ill-treated.
 “ I advised the Patient to apply to Mr. *Daran*,
 “ whose Experience in these Cases I well knew ;
 “ which he did ; and his Cure, accomplished in two
 “ Months, fully convinced him of the Good-
 “ ness of my Advice, and obliges me to attest his
 “ Cure : In proof whereof I have signed the pre-
 “ sent Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Boudou.”

C A S E 73.

The Baron of ———, aged Thirty-five, con-
 tracted in 1739. a Gonorrhœa, and applied to a
 Person who treated him with Injections : In ten
 Days the Running stopt, and he continued well for
 two whole Years : He then felt a great Scalding
 in the Passage, and there appeared a small Run-
 ning, which continued only three or four Days, and
 went off of itself, as also the Scalding : From that
 time, at pretty considerable Distances, the same
 Symptoms have appeared again ; and, besides this,
 a Stoppage, and very terrible Suppressions of Urine
 have come on : Being with reason uneasy, lest these
 Complaints should become more frequent and confi-
 derable,

derable, he resolved to come to me *May* the 1st, 1749. I searched him in Presence of *M. Quintard*, Surgeon; and found a little Ulcer with callous Edges, which did not prevent the Discharge of his Water, but would in time have produced the same Effects that attend these Ulcers when they are neglected. He was cured in two Months and an half.

Certificate of M. Quintard.

“ I, Surgeon-Major of the Guards, and of the
 “ Grand Marshal of the Crown of *Poland*, do
 “ certify, That during the Stay I made this Year
 “ at *Paris*, I saw under the Care of *Mr. Daran*,
 “ Surgeon in ordinary to the King, the Baron of
 “ ———, who had Carnosities in the *Urethra*,
 “ and a virulent Running, which, as he said, he
 “ had laboured under for a long time, which caused
 “ a Stoppage of Urine, and frequently total Re-
 “ tentions; and that he was perfectly well cured by
 “ the new Method this Surgeon has discovered for
 “ the Disorders of the *Urethra*: In proof whereof
 “ I have signed the present Certificate.

“ *Paris*, May 12.

“ Signed,

“ 1747.

“ *QUINTARD.*”

C A S E 74.

M. Le ———, aged Fifty-seven, formerly an Officer, remained in the Service till the Age of Twenty-seven or Twenty-eight, when he contracted a Gonorrhœa, which was attended with a Chordee: He was cured, and felt nothing of it from that time: He left the Army about twenty Years ago,
 and

and has not exposed himself to any fresh Venereal Dangers : He was, however, seized with a cruel Retention of Urine, which brought him to Death's Door. After a successful use of the usual emollient Medicines, his Surgeon introduced the Catheter into the Bladder : The pressure upon the Obstacles, and a diluting Regimen, secured him for some time ; but it was short ; he was seized with very smart Pains in the Night, and his Surgeon could no longer introduce the Catheter : The Patient having asked him the reason of it, he told him there were Excrescences in the *Urethra*, which filled its Cavity : He then perceived, that he was in the Condition of the Person mentioned in the 20th *Case*, whose Disease and Cure he was acquainted with : He thereupon set out from *Lyons* to desire my Assistance, which had been so serviceable to his Fellow-citizen. I searched him, and found a round Excrecence, like a Wart, near the excretory Ducts of the Seminal Vesicles. I shewed this Patient to Mess. *Procope* and *Brubier*, to whom I presented him, making Water in a full Stream two Months after he had been under my Care.

This Patient is spoke of in the Letters of Mess. *Procope* and *Brubier*, at the end of the Preliminary Discourse.

C A S E 75.

M. ———, aged Thirty-eight, a foreign Gentleman, in consequence of a Gonorrhœa contracted ten Years ago, has always had a Gleet, on account of some Ulcers, which every now-and-then discharg'd a whitish Matter, which the least excess in drinking turned yellow : This last Symptom was always attended with a Swelling of the Testicles, and a Stoppage of Urine. After having consulted

the most eminent Men both in *France* and *Holland*, and used both on the outside of the *Penis*, and within it, all Sorts of Mercurials, Lime-water was injected into the *Urethra*, which not only gave him very smart Pain, but immediately occasioned a Discharge of Blood : A thousand other Remedies were used without preventing the Retention of Urine which the Patient was subject to, and which he assigned to the quantity of glewy Matter, which his Urine was loaded with : He then consulted M. *Senac*, Physician to the King in Consultation, and M. *Rega*, an eminent Professor in the University of *Louvain*, who persuaded him to apply to me. I entered upon his Cure, after I had searched him in Presence of M. *Vernage* : He was cured in two Months, and his Cure attested by the same Physician. His Disease consisted in two callous Ulcers, from one of which issued a very virulent Matter ; one was placed in the middle of the *Urethra*, the other near the *Verumontanum*.

Certificate of M. Vernage.

“ I Physician, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of
 “ *Paris*, certify, That I was desired, with Mr.
 “ *Daran*, Surgeon in ordinary to the King, to see
 “ M. ———, a foreign Gentleman, of about
 “ Forty ; who told us, he had laboured for about
 “ ten Years under a Retention of Urine, owing
 “ to several Obstacles in the *Urethra* from Gonorr-
 “ rhœas contracted in his Youth, which he could
 “ not get rid of, and had often put his Life in
 “ danger, and had determined him to apply to Mr.
 “ *Daran* ; who in a short time, by means of his
 “ new Method, presented him to me perfectly cured
 “ of all his Obstructions, and making Water in a
 “ full

“ full Stream : In proof whereof I have given the
 “ present Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ August 12.

“ 1747.

“ VERNAGE.”

C A S E 76.

M. ———, Captain of Artillery, aged Sixty, had five Gonorrhoeas, which had nothing remarkable in them; only they all proved more and more obstinate than the preceding: When he thought himself perfectly well, he perceived that the Stream of his Urine lessened, and he felt a shooting Pain in discharging it: However, as the Disease made but a slow Progress, he remained easy; but in *April* 1747. being recovered from a Fit of Illness, he was attacked with so considerable a Stoppage of Urine, that it came only drop by drop, and with great Pain: This continuing, he applied to M. *Bouilbac*, who recommended him to me. I searched him in Presence of M. *de la Haye*, and found two callous Excrescences on this Side the *Verumontanum*, at a small distance from each other. I treated him after my Method; and in two Months he waited upon M. *Bouilbac*, perfectly cured; as he did upon M. *de la Haye*, whose Certificate follows.

Certificate of M. de la Haye.

“ I Master in Surgery, formerly Provost of the
 “ Company, and Member of the Royal Academy of Surgery, do certify, That Mr. *Daran's*
 “ Character for the Cure of Diseases of the *Urethra*
 “ by

“ by his new Method is grounded on repeated
 “ Proofs, some of which I have been Witness to
 “ myself, and particularly to the Case of the Patient
 “ mentioned in the foregoing relation, whom I
 “ carefully examined both before and after the said
 “ Cure, and whom I found perfectly well : In
 “ proof whereof I have signed the present Certificate.

“ *Sign'd,*

“ Paris, December 3.

“ 1747.

DE LA HAYE.”

C A S E 77.

M. ———, aged Fifty, had only two Gonorrhœas ; the last proved the most obstinate ; it, however, seemed to yield to Remedies ; but the Urine came away with less Ease : In this Condition he was obliged to take a long Journey eleven Years ago, and there remained what is commonly called a Relaxation of the Vessels, or Gleet, and an Incontinence of Urine : These Complaints made him apply to a Surgeon, who made the Discharge of Urine easier ; but, seven Years after, he was obliged to apply to him again, after a Fever, on account of a Stoppage of Urine, attended with Heat : These Symptoms disappeared again, but he did not make his Water better : He would, however, have rested quiet, if in *January* 1747. the Stoppage had not increased, and the Urine become loaded with a viscid Matter : The Illness had got to that height in *April*, that he could not make Water without great Straining, and smart Pain : To no purpose did he use the ordinary emollient Medicines ; the Disease grew upon him so, as to occasion a total Retention,

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which

which was near costing him his Life. He was in this sad Situation when he sent for me. After using my Remedies four Days, he made Water freely, and without Pain. His Disorder was owing to three Obstacles which I discovered in the Passage with my Bougies, two fungous Excrescences on this Side the *Verumontanum*, and a little beyond it an Ulcer, which had supplied a continual Running for twenty Years. I got him to my House when he was better, and dressed him in Presence of Mr. *Godefroy*; but the Reflux of Urine into his Blood during his Ischury occasioned for two Months a slow Fever, which was cured by the Care of M. *Bordier*, Doctor of Physic. This obliged me to suspend the use of my Remedies all that time, or at most only to use them as much as was necessary to keep the Passage open. When he was well of his Fever, I began my Treatment again, and cured him in two Months; as M. *Godefroy*, whom he waited upon, attests.

Certificate of M. Godefroy.

“ I, Master-Surgeon of *St. Côme*, certify, That,
 “ , hearing from several of my Brethren the extraordinary Cures which Mr. *Daran* daily performed in this City on Diseases of the *Urethra*,
 “ I was desirous to learn the Truth of it with my own Eyes : I had soon an Opportunity of satisfying my Curiosity, it being an easy Matter to be introduced to him. I was there a Witness to the sad Condition of M. ———, who is the Subject of the 77th *Case*, and several others; having seen them often before and after their Treatment; which were all, to my Astonishment, attended with the happiest Success. This has fully satisfied me, that every thing said in relation to the surprising Effects of that Surgeon’s
 “ Re-

“ Remedies for the radical Cure of a Disease, which
 “ had hitherto been considered as incurable, is very
 “ true, and ought no longer to be called in que-
 “ stion : In proof whereof I have signed the pre-
 “ sent Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, Nov. 15.

“ 1747.

“ GODEFROY.”

C A S E 78.

About twenty Years ago, M. —, aged Forty-
 five, contracted a Gonorrhœa, which was almost
 intirely stopt by the use of Injections : Having no
 Complaint for between seven and eight Years, he
 thought himself secure ; when he perceived a Diminu-
 tion of the Stream of his Urine, which increased
 upon him in such a manner, that for these last three
 Years he has not been able to make Water without
 great Pain, Heat, and Difficulty : He was at last
 seized with a total Retention, which continued three
 Days and three Nights, and which was carried off
 by Bleeding, and the Use of Turpentine : From
 that time he never made Water without Pain ; and
 Suppressions, short indeed, but always attended
 with a violent Fever, were frequently of the
 Party : About two Years ago he was salivated by
 M. *Godefroy*, for Eruptions about his Arms and
 Thighs ; but the *Urethra* continued as before : M.
Godefroy then advised him to put himself under my
 Care, and came with him to my House. I searched
 him in his Presence, and found in the middle of
 the *Urethra* a sordid Ulcer with very callous Edges,
 which was the Occasion of the before-mentioned
 Complaints, and of a Running of above fifteen

Years standing. My Remedies removed all these Symptoms in three Months.

Certificate of M. Godefroy.

“ I, Master-Surgeon of *St. Côme*, do certify, That
 “ the Cure of the Disease of M. ———, men-
 “ tioned in the 78th *Case*, was perfected by Mr.
 “ *Daran*, by the means of his new Method, under
 “ my Eyes ; having seen him both before and
 “ after ; and that he is perfectly well : In proof
 “ whereof I have delivered the present Certificate.

“ *Signed,*

“ Paris, Nov. 20.

“ 1747.

“ GODEFROY.”

C A S E 79.

M. ———, aged Forty-eight, between the Age of Nineteen and Twenty-seven, contracted two Gonorrhœas, which were well cured ; the last, indeed, was followed by a coming away of some drops of *Semen* when he strained at Stool ; but this Complaint left him after a 4th Gonorrhœa contracted when he was Thirty ; a fifth, contracted at Forty, was extremely obstinate, and maintain'd its Ground, till he used Injections made of the Juice of Carroube : Eight Months passed without any Disorder ; but he began then to be sensible of an Obstacle near the Neck of the Bladder, which at first intercepted the Urine ; but was soon forced to yield to the Force of it : By degrees the Stream of his Urine became less, altho' it was not forked, and caused a very great Itching in coming away : An irregular Way of living having increased the difficulty of making Water,

Water, he felt great Heat in the Passage, and was obliged to make Water twelve or fifteen times a Day, though in a very small Quantity at a time. Having once held his Water for some time while he was very bad, he thought, when he stooped for the Chamber-pot, that he felt something go up from one Side of the Bladder to the Kidney; he fell immediately into a violent Sweat, and was near fainting away; his *Penis* presently swelled to twice its usual Size when erected, and it remained in that Condition half an Hour: These Disorders were followed by a Looseness, which continued seven Months, and obliged him to go to the Close Stool three or four times in a Day. This Complaint was followed by another; as often as his Feet were cold, or his Belly heated by the Fire, seven or eight drops of Urine came away from him. I have forgot to mention, that he had no Emission of *Semen* for a long time. These Disorders increased in 1747. and he had a total Retention for fourteen Hours, which went off while he was upon the Close Stool voiding a Clyster that had been given him, his Member, which was shrunk up, becoming at that time longer. The Nature of these Symptoms gave a Suspicion, that he had a Stone; and he was advised to come from *Marseilles*, where he makes his usual Residence, to *Paris*, to be searched by M. *Morand*, which he accordingly did: But this eminent Surgeon, not being able to introduce the Catheter, advised him immediately to apply to me; which he accordingly did May the 29th, 1747. I searched him in Presence of M. *Godefroy*, Master-Surgeon, and found my Sound was stopt by a fungous Excrecence near the *Verumontanum*: When that was destroy'd, the *Verumontanum*, which was itself scirrhus, stopt me again: This too having given way, I found a third Obstacle a little deeper: It was a long Callosity, which I was fifty-seven Days in resolving: I

at last got into the Bladder ; and the Success of my internal and external Remedies was such, that he was cured in six Months. He was so long under Hand by reason of a putrid Fever, which made me suspend my Medicines for near two Months.

Certificate of M. Godefroy.

“ I Master-Surgeon of *St. Côme*, do certify, That
 “ I was Witness to the melancholy Condition
 “ of M. ———, the Subject of the preceding re-
 “ lation, having attended and seen him several times
 “ before and after his Treatment, which, to my
 “ great Amazement, was attended with the happiest
 “ Success. This has fully convinced me, that
 “ every thing said of the surprising Effects of Mr.
 “ *Daran's* Remedies for the radical Cure of a
 “ Disease which till his time had been always con-
 “ sidered as incurable, is very true, and ought not
 “ to be called in question : In proof whereof I have
 “ signed the present Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, Nov. 29.

“ 1747.

“ GODEFROY.”

C A S E 80.

M. ———, aged Forty, had, when ten Years old, a Retention of Urine for some Days : Fourteen Years passed from that time quietly : Towards the Year 1747. he began to make his Water with Pain and Heat, and often drop by drop : Sometimes he tried to make Water ten times in an Hour, and the little which he discharged, occasioned vast Shootings :

Shootings : Many cooling Medicines were administered to no purpose, and his Surgeon had afterwards recourse to the Catheter, which he introduced with much Pain, and an Hæmorrhage ; but it did not relieve the Patient. He applied to another Surgeon, who for four Months introduced every Day to the diseased Part a Caustic, by means of an hollow Catheter, which never came out without bringing away some Blood ; but it oftentimes occasioned Hæmorrhages, attended with total Retentions for five or six Hours : At last the Catheter was got into the Bladder ; whence it appeared, that his Disease was not the Stone. He was directed to use Leaden Probes to keep the Passage free ; they did not prevent a Return, every now-and-then, of his Retention : The Patient left them off, and in six Months the Symptoms returned with the same Violence as before, and obliged him to apply to the Surgeon who had assisted him at the beginning of his Disease : Four Months were again spent in making way to the Bladder : He afterwards used the Leaden Probes for near eighteen Days, which only facilitated a little the discharge of the Urine, without lessening the Pain he felt in making it. This was his Situation in *June 1747.* when I undertook him by the Recommendation of M. ———. I found, in the middle of the *Urethra*, an ulcerated Fungus, which produced all the above-mentioned Symptoms. I applied my Sounds ; and in six Months and an half he was perfectly cured, without the Intervention of the least Accident.

Certificate of M. Menjou.

“ I Master in Surgery, and Member of the Royal
 “ Academy of Surgery, do certify, that the
 “ preceding Relation is exactly true, having seen
 “ the Patient both before and after his Cure : This
 “ Case, added to several others which I have
 “ known, convinces me, that Mr. *Daran* has en-
 “ riched Surgery with a Remedy whereof it greatly
 “ stood in need, to cure the fatal Consequences of
 “ Gonorrhœas : In proof of which I have signed
 “ this Attestation.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, December 3.

“ MENJOU..”

“ 1747.

C A S E 81.

This is one of the most remarkable Things in this Collection : M. ———, aged Forty-five, was brought to *Paris*, *June* 12. 1747. in the most deplorable Condition. Between two or three-and-twenty Years ago, he had a Gonorrhœa, which seemed to have been methodically treated : Three Years after, his Testicles swelled, and he had a Stoppage and Heat of Urine : A plentiful Use of Emollients and Coolers took down the Swelling of the Testicles, and made the Heat supportable : Five or six Years passed in this Condition, and he was then seized with Retentions of Urine, and it did not come away without great Straining : He was also subject to the Colic : A multitude of Re-
 remedies

medies produced but a slight Effect : And three Years after the Patient had a total Suppression, which continued ten Days, with a violent Fever, and a very considerable Swelling of the lower Belly. M. ———, a famous Surgeon, and well known in his Province, having cleared the Way with a common Probe, at last passed into the Bladder a small Catheter he had got made on purpose : This procured a pretty good Discharge to the Urine, and brought away with it much Blood, and a very fetid *Pus* ; but his Fever increasing, and being seized with a great Weakness, the Surgeon was obliged to withdraw the Catheter : The Fever at last yielded to suitable Remedies, the Water issued more freely, and the Running stopt for some time ; but it appeared again, and increased in the Winter ; as did also the Stoppage of Urine : However, by the continual Use of Remedies, he passed five or six Years without any considerable Accident : The Difficulty of making Water became then so great, that he was obliged to have recourse to the same Surgeon again : He found a great Difficulty in introducing the same Catheter ; it was left in the Bladder for eighteen Days ; much Blood and *Pus* came away : The same Remedies were used as had succeeded before ; they had their Effect ; but did not prevent several Accidents, which made the Patient live a most miserable Life. In September 1746. his *Penis* swelled prodigiously, and his *Scrotum* became as large as one's Head, and his *Urethra* extremely hard ; on each Side of the Bladder there came an inflammatory Swelling as broad as one's Hand, and four Fingers long : The most powerful Discutients were ineffectually applied ; a Suppuration followed, and the Matter perforated the Neck of the Bladder and *Scrotum* ; and three *Fistulas* were the Result of it : To prevent the Urine from coming this Way, the Surgeon had a
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mind to introduce the Catheter into the Bladder ; but tore the Obstacles of the *Urethra* in his Attempt : The Patient used for three Months Mercurial Frictions, and an infinity of other Remedies, which did not in the least free the Passage ; the Urine continued to dribble drop by drop, or to come out in a very small Stream, and run out through the *Fistulas*. In this Condition he left his own Country to put himself under my Care. I examined him in Presence of Mess. *Procope* and *Boudou*. I found the Passage so full of Excrescences, that my Sound could not pass above three Fingers Breadth : I saw on the Outside a scirrhus Tumour, which reached from the *Perinaeum* to the *Fossa Navicularis*, and four *Fistulas*, through which the Urine made its Way. He had been in this deplorable Condition about thirteen Years. In five Months I cured him perfectly.

Certificate of M. Procope Couteau.

“ I, Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic in
 “ the University of *Paris*, formerly Professor of
 “ the Schools, and Professor of Surgery in the
 “ *French* Language, do certify, That last *June* I
 “ was desired, by Mr. *Daran*, Surgeon in ordinary
 “ to the King, to see at his House M. ———,
 “ who was come on purpose to put himself under
 “ his Care, for a most inveterate Stoppage of
 “ Urine : His Condition was deplorable ; he had
 “ the *Urethra* filled with Carnosities, which pre-
 “ vented the Sound from being introduced above
 “ two Fingers Breadth ; and a Tumour in *Perinaeo*,
 “ surrounded with four *Fistulas* : These were the
 “ Consequences of several ill-treated Gonor-
 “ rhoeas ;

“ rhœas ; and he was perfectly cured by the Method of M. *Daran*.

“ Signed,

“ MICHEL PROCOPE COUTEAU.”

“ Paris, October 22.

“ 1747.”

Certificate of M. Boudou.

“ I, Surgeon of *St. Côme*, and Surgeon in Chief
“ of the *Hôtel-Dieu* of *Paris*, do certify, That
“ I saw and examined, at Mr. *Daran*’s, M. —, —,
“ who was come on purpose from — : He
“ had the *Urethra* full of Carnosities, so that the
“ Sound passed in but a very little Way, and the
“ Urine came only drop by drop, and with inexpressible
“ pain : Upon examining the external
“ Part, I observed a hard Tumour in *Perinæo*,
“ and in the middle of the said Tumour four *Fistulas*,
“ through which the Urine and Pus kept coming
“ out. I saw the same Patient, about five Months
“ after, making Water in a full Stream, his *Fistulas*
“ intirely cicatrized, and the hard Tumour dissolved ;
“ in a word, his Cure was so perfect, that I could not but
“ admire it. This Cure alone would be sufficient to give me
“ the highest Opinion of Mr. *Daran*’s new Method ; and a
“ Number of other Cures, whereof I have been Witness,
“ and which have succeeded under my Observation, prove
“ beyond all doubt, that his Remedies are of the utmost
“ Efficacy for these Diseases ; and it is with Pleasure I do
“ Justice to his new Discovery.

“ Paris, Octob. 28,

“ 1747.

“ Sign’d,

“ Boudou.”

C A S E 82.

M. aged Sixty-four, contracted, twelve Years ago, a Gonorrhœa; it was his second, which was as methodically treated as the former: However, there always remain'd a slight Running, which did not hinder the Urine from coming out pretty freely; but, in 1746. he had a great Stoppage of Urine, with Heat and Shooting in the *Penis*; and he discharg'd a slimy Matter, as well by the *Penis*, as by the *Anus*. Several Remedies were us'd, but to no purpose; only some mercurial Pills caus'd so considerable a Swelling in the Parts, that it communicated itself to the lower Belly; and he could not make Water without exquisite Pain. The Inflammation lasted six Weeks: From that time the Patient made Water with great pain and difficulty, sometimes drop by drop, often in two Streams, and was oblig'd to rise five or six times in a Night; discharging, with the last drops of his Urine, a whitish Matter. I search'd him in the presence of M. Sarrau, who brought him to me, and found the *Urethra* full of Carnosities; so that my Sound did not pass in, the first time, above a Finger's breadth: He had, near the *Verumontanum*, an Ulcer, whence proceeded a virulent Matter, for a great number of Years. I treated him after my new Method, and he was perfectly cur'd in less than two Months.

Certificate of M. Sarrau.

" I Master in Surgery, do certify, That M.
 " I, aged about Sixty-four, labour'd, for many
 " Years, under a Strangury, occasion'd by Carno-
 " sities in the *Urethra*; the Patient making Water
 " in

“ in a Stream no bigger than a Thread, com-
 “ monly drop by drop, and having frequently
 “ total Suppressions. In this sad condition I ad-
 “ vis’d him to apply to Mr. *Daran*, Surgeon in
 “ ordinary to the King; who cur’d him perfectly.
 “ Mr. *Daran* has, besides, cur’d radically several
 “ other Persons whom I have sent to him, and whom
 “ I have attended throughout the Cure, that were
 “ afflicted with the same Disease in the *Urethra*, and
 “ owing to the same Cause. There is no occasion
 “ to make any particular mention of them, their
 “ Cures having been well attested. It is now two
 “ Years since some of them have been cur’d;
 “ others have been well these eight Months, others
 “ near a Year; and not one of them has felt any
 “ inconvenience since that time.

“ Paris, Oct. 29.

“ 1747.

“ *Sign’d,*

“ SARRAU.”

C A S E 83.

M. aged Thirty, contracted, about ten
 Years ago, two Gonorrhœas: The first was barely
 well when he contracted a second; the Running of
 it was tending to green. A Course of Physic, for
 nine Months, only abated the Symptoms, without
 stopping the Running; the Patient was then ad-
 vis’d to be salivated: This Remedy lessen’d the
 Running, which afterwards intirely disappear’d: He,
 notwithstanding, made his Water with difficulty: It
 came out like a small Thread; and, at the time of
 making it, he was taken with a smart Pain in the
 right side of his Body, which began sometimes in
 his Foot, sometimes in the middle of his Leg, some-
 times

times in his Thigh, and, reaching up to his Side, suddenly stopp'd the Urine. He us'd several Remedies, Bathing, amongst other things; which was so far from helping him, that it increas'd the difficulty of making Water, without lessening the Pain of the Side. We must observe, that, before ever the Patient had had any concern with Women, and even from his Birth, he had suffer'd, two or three times in a Year, a Stoppage of Water. *M. Morand*, to whom he apply'd, perswaded him to come to me, which he did *June 6. 1747.* I discover'd, by means of my Sound, an oval Callosity, pretty near the *Vermontanum*; an Ulcer, a little beyond it; and, near the excretory Ducts of the *Prostatae*, a little Wart; which I consider as the cause of the Stoppage of his Urine before his being concern'd with Women. He had, during the Cure, which was perform'd under the eyes of *M. Cassaing*, Master-Surgeon, a Fever, of a few Days continuance, caus'd by a kind of Indigestion; and which interrupted my treatment only for that time. His Cure was perfected in three Months. And that which gave me the greatest pleasure was, that my Remedy dissolv'd the Wart, which he was born with, and which was the cause of his Stoppage of Urine.

Certificate of M. Cassaing.

“ **I**, Sworn Surgeon at *Paris*, and Surgeon to the
 “ King in his Storehouse, do attest, That I at-
 “ tended the treatment of the Patient mention'd in
 “ the preceding Relation. His perfect Cure is, to me,
 “ a convincing Proof of the justly-acknowledg'd effi-
 “ cacy of the new Method which *Mr. Daran* uses
 “ in the Cure of Carnosities, old Gleet, and, in
 “ general, in all the Diseases of the *Urethra*.
 “ In

" In proof whereof, I have sign'd the present Certificate.

" Paris, Dec. 8.

" Sign'd,

" 1747.

" CASSAING."

C A S E 84.

June 11. 1747. I visited, in the presence of Messieurs *De Jussieu, Jallet*, and *Frere Côme*, Surgeon to the *Feuillans*, M. aged Forty-eight, of the City of S who, from a Gonorrhœa contracted eight or ten Years ago, which was treated pretty carelessly, had always had a small yellowish Running. He had not perceiv'd any Stoppage of Urine for five or six Years; he had only, in making Water, a slight Itching, particularly round the *Glans*; but frequent riding brought on the Stoppage; at last, his Urine was frequently fork'd, and he had frequent occasion to discharge it. In *March* 1746. while he was at *Paris*, he had so violent a Strangury, that he was oblig'd to send for help. *Frere Côme* was sent for, on account of an Abscess that was form'd in the *Perinæum* by his straining: The Abscess was open'd, and the Part was found gangren'd; however, he was cur'd in three Weeks. Though the Urine came more freely, it still remained fork'd. Upon his return home, he was oblig'd to ride, as usual; which so much increas'd the Stoppage, that, on *Easter Monday*, he was seiz'd with a total Suppression, which occasion'd a new Abscess. It was open'd, like the former; but the Issue was not equally happy; there remain'd a *Fistula*, through which the Urine continually discharg'd itself: Notwithstanding this, the difficulty of making Water, and the Inflammation, were so great, as to confine him

him to his Bed, whence he was oblig'd to rise sixty times in a Night, not being able to make Water either lying, or upon his Knees. He sent to *Angers* for a famous Surgeon, who, continuing thirty-six Days with him without being able to procure him any relief, wrote his Case to M. *Morand*, whose advice was, to bring him to *Paris* to put himself under my care: This was likewise the advice of Frere *Côme*. The Patient was so ill, that he could not travel in a Litter; he was therefore put in a Boat in his Bed, and, upon his arrival, was brought to me. I found, upon examining him, in the presence of the above-mention'd Physician, a very large scirrhus Tumour, reaching from the middle of the *Perinæum* to the middle of the *Penis*; and the inferior part of the *Scrotum* was, likewise, scirrhus: There were, also, near the *Anus*, two *Fistulas*, thro' which Pus and Urine were discharg'd: These *Fistulas* were surrounded with little Excrescences, and there was an Abscess, ready to burst. Between the *Fistula* and the scirrhus Tumour were two substances that look'd like Cocks Combs, and ran along the *Raphe*: Within the *Urethra* I found a callous Excrescence, in the place which answer'd to the extremity of the scirrhus Tumour, and two sordid Ulcers, which furnish'd a very virulent Pus. I began my treatment with applying to the Abscess suppurating Cataplasms, and the third Day I open'd it, in the presence of Frere *Côme*: It discharg'd much Pus, which greatly reliev'd the Patient: Two Days after, I introduced my Sounds, attacking, at the same time, the scirrhus Tumor: Part of it was resolv'd, and the other suppurated, which I found Nature dispos'd to do, and seconded her in it: I open'd it, afterwards, at a proper time, in the presence of Frere *Côme*; and then continu'd my treatment with such success, as to cure the Patient, perfectly, in two Months, without the intervention of any bad Accident.

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Certificate of M. Jussieu.

“ I, *Ecuyer, Conseiller Secretaire* to the King,
 “ House, Crown, and Finances of *France*,
 “ Doctor of Physic of *Montpelier* and *Paris*, Bo-
 “ tany-Professor of the Royal Garden of Plants, of
 “ the *Royal Academy of Sciences*, and Fellow of the
 “ *Royal Society of London* and *Berlin*, do declare,
 “ That I saw and visited, the 11th of last *June*, M.
 “ of the City of from whence he
 “ was brought, in a Litter, to *Paris*, to M. *Daran*,
 “ on account of a Disease of the *Urethra*, which had,
 “ for a long time, confin’d him to his Bed; the
 “ Passage being partly stopp’d up, so that the Sound
 “ could not be introduced above half its length;
 “ and the Urine, which could not pass forward, had
 “ made different Passages, thro’ which it drain’d it-
 “ self along the *Raphe*; where I observ’d Holes,
 “ and chancrous Ulcers surrounded with Excref-
 “ cences which resembled a Hen’s Rump, and scir-
 “ rhous Swellings that disfigur’d the *Scrotum*, *Raphe*,
 “ and *Perinæum*; the substance of which was loaded
 “ partly with a thick Lymph, and partly with Pus.
 “ His condition was so wretched, that no one would
 “ have dar’d to promise him Relief; which, how-
 “ ever, by the use of M. *Daran*’s Bougies, was so
 “ soon procur’d, that, on the 10th of *July*, the Pa-
 “ tient made Water without Pain: And in *September*
 “ I visited him again, to be inform’d of his perfect
 “ Cure; which was a kind of Prodigy.

“ Paris, Octob. 20.

“ 1746.

“ Sign’d,

“ Du JUSSIEU.”

Certificate of M. Combalusier.

“ I, Doctor of Physic of the University of *Mont-*
 “ *pelier*, of the *Royal Society of Sciences*, and
 “ formerly Professor of the Faculty of *Valentia*, do
 “ certify, That I was an Eye-witness to the de-
 “ plorable State of M. D. and to his singular
 “ and admirable Cure. This Case, join’d to the
 “ rest, the Authenticity of which I have attested,
 “ convinces me, that M. *Daran* possesses the most
 “ specific Remedy, and the surest and best Method,
 “ hitherto known, to destroy all Obstructions of the
 “ *Urethra* owing to virulent Gonorrhœas. In Proof
 “ whereof, I have sign’d the present Attestation.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, Oct. 9.

“ 1747.

“ COMBALUSIER.”

Certificate of M. Jallet.

“ I, Surgeon of *St. Côme*, declare, That I was sent
 “ for, by M. *Daran*, before he undertook the
 “ Cure of M. D. of the City of the
 “ Subject of the preceding Relation; and that I be-
 “ lieve he never will fail curing any-body, after hav-
 “ ing perfectly re-establish’d this Patient, who had
 “ Obstacles in the *Urethra*, *Fistulas in Perinæo*, and
 “ scirrhus Swellings; which have all disappear’d.
 “ I therefore look upon M. *Daran*’s Discovery to be
 “ of the greatest Consequence to Mankind.

“ Paris, Nov. 5.

“ 1747.

“ Sign’d,

“ JALLET.”

C A S E 85.

Of three Gonorrhœas, which fell to the lot of M. an Officer, aged Sixty, the last, which he got in 1727. was treated by an eminent Surgeon; and the Symptoms disappear'd in such a manner, that he had great reason to think himself as well cur'd of this, as of the former: This secure state was disturb'd in 1746. by a Heat of Urine, with a frequent inclination of making it, a Stoppage of it, and a divided Stream. An Infusion of Mallow-flowers, Linseed, &c. reliev'd him so well, that he forgot he had ever been ill; but, two or three Months after, a few Glasses of White Wine brought back the Symptoms, which were again carry'd off by the same means: However, he felt some Heat now-and-then; and toward the beginning of June, his Complaints return'd with so much violence, that his Urine came only drop by drop, by intervals, with Shootings, and an involuntary Discharge of it at the time he was sensible of the Heat; he was also oblig'd to rise ten or twelve times in a Night to make Water, which he did with great Pain. In this condition he consulted a Master-Surgeon of *St. Côme*, who persuaded him to have recourse to me, and brought him himself. I found, near the *Verumontanum*, an ulcerated Carnosity: I began my treatment June 17. 1747. and, two Months after, he was cur'd, without the intervention of the least Accident.

Certificate of M. Houstet.

“ I, Surgeon of the *Royal Academy of Surgery*, do
 “ I, certify, That I saw M. who had a
 “ Stoppage of Urine owing to Obstacles in the
 Z 2 “ *Urethra*;

" *Urethra*; whom M. *Daran* cur'd by his Re-
 " medies.

" Paris, Octob. 9.

" Sign'd,

" 1747.

" HOUSTET."

C A S E 86.

About sixteen or seventeen Years ago M.
 aged Fifty, contracted a Gonorrhœa, which a Course
 of Physic, continu'd for a whole Year, did not cure:
 There always remain'd a Heat and Shooting in the
 Part. Tir'd with the inefficacy of Medicines, the
 Patient left them off; five or six Years after he ap-
 ply'd to a Physician, who harrafs'd him for eighteen
 Months, to no purpose: Quite dishearten'd, he de-
 sist'd again from Medicines; he was then taken with
 a violent Fever, which oblig'd him to consult M.
 Doctor-Regent of the Faculty of Physic of
Paris; and M. Master-Surgeon; to whom
 he was oblig'd to discover a Swelling of one of his
 Testicles: However, he conceal'd the Cause of it.
 In two Months the Testicle recover'd its natural
 size, and he made his Water with more ease, for
 some Days; but as he fell into his old way, that is to
 say, as the Stream of his Water was very small, and
 it often came away drop by drop, and sometimes in-
 voluntarily, with Shooting and Heat, a Physician
 advis'd him to come to me. I search'd him, in the
 presence of M. *Cossen*, and found, in the middle of
 the *Urethra*, three Excrescences: The first was very
 callous, and another was ulcerated. I treated him
 after my Method, and cur'd him perfectly, in two
 Months time, without any Accident.

Certi-

Certificate of M. Dumoulin.

“ I, Sworn Surgeon of *St. Côme*, and Senior Sur-
 “ geon of the Company, do certify, That M.
 “ P the Subject of the preceding Relation,
 “ told me, that he was troubled, for twelve Years,
 “ with a Stoppage of Urine, occasion’d by Carno-
 “ fities caus’d by several Gonorrhœas, for which
 “ Stoppage he had us’d all the Remedies, which the
 “ Persons he had consulted at different times, had
 “ prescrib’d him; but that, having apply’d to M.
 “ *Daran*, he was perfectly cur’d by him in three
 “ Months, without any Accident happening during
 “ his Cure.

“ Paris, Dec. 12.

“ 1747.

“ Sign’d,

“ DUMOULIN, Doyen.”

C A S E 87.

M. aged Twenty-five, was cut for the
 Stone when he was Four Years old. He remain’d
 well till eighteen Months ago; the Stream of his
 Water began then to lessen; and this Symptom grew
 upon him in such a manner, that, for these last six
 Months, he has made his Water only drop by drop,
 and often with Itching. The Person whom he ap-
 ply’d to, look’d upon it as the Gravel; but a pre-
 tended specific Ptisan, which he took, was so far from
 curing him, that he was oblig’d to use the Urinal fifty
 times in a Day. Bleeding, and some emollient Me-
 dicines, procur’d an easier Discharge to the Urine.
 In this condition he embark’d to return to *Mar-*

seilles, where he expected to find me; and in his Passage was taken with a fresh Retention of Urine: The Catheter was several times introduced; Bleeding, and emollient Clysters, produced their expected effect; but, a Fortnight after, his Illness return'd: Four Months after, being at he consulted M. a skilful Surgeon; who told him, his Disease was owing to an Excrescence from his former Operation for the Stone. He us'd Bougies, which, by acting upon the Excrescence, procur'd an easier Discharge to the Urine; however, he thought it the wisest way to come to me. When I saw him, the Stream of his Urine was very slender, and it came away involuntarily; it was *June 27. 1747*. I found, in searching him, at the Neck of the Bladder, on this side the Sphincter, an Excrescence of soft Flesh, which was ulcerated. I began his Cure, and perfected it in two Months, to M. *Godefroy's* knowledge; whose Certificate you may see at the end of the *79th Case*; where he speaks of several Patients whom he saw cur'd. I make no doubt of this Disease being the effect of the Operation for the Stone; the Patient having assur'd me, not only that he never had a Gonorrhœa; but, farther, that he had never expos'd himself to the danger of contracting one.

I have had under hand, to M. *Morand's* knowledge, two Patients, who, after having been cut for the Stone, made Water with difficulty: One of them had the *Urethra* intirely stopp'd up, and the Urine came through the Wound, which, probably, would have remain'd fistulous: I destroy'd, with my Sounds, the Excrescences of Flesh which stopp'd the Passage; the *Fistula*, or Wound, was cicatriz'd, and the Urine came the natural way. The second had the *Urethra* obstructed, the Water coming partly thro' the *Glans*, and partly thro' the Wound, tho' it was past the time that the Water should

should all come the natural way. I treated him after my Method : The Wound was intirely heal'd, and the Urine, at present, comes away in a full Stream.

C A S E 88.

In *March* 1744. M. of the City of *Rouen*, aged Fifty-five, perceiv'd a Discharge from the *Urethra*, which M. an eminent Surgeon of that City, treated as a Gonorrhœa; but he did him no service: In *April* following a hard Swelling arose in *Perinæo*, which, notwithstanding ripening Applications, came to Suppuration; but three Months after, it broke of itself, the Orifice was dilated, and the Wound, which was two Inches long, discover'd that it communicated with the *Urethra*. The Wound was intirely heal'd up in a Fortnight, and the Flesh look'd so well, that his Surgeon assur'd him, there remain'd no *Virus*; however, two Months after, a new Swelling appear'd in *Perinæo*: It came to Suppuration as he was upon the Road going to *Caen*; the Urine came thro' the Wound, as before; a much larger Incision was made than in the former Abscess, which was likewise heal'd, but the Running still continu'd. In *June* following the Surgeon told him, there was no other way to suppress it, than by undergoing a Salivation: He consented to it, but was so far from finding the promis'd success, that the Frictions occasion'd several Accidents, which I suppress, as foreign to my Subject. M. *Fleury*, Physician, who was the Patient's friend, persuaded him to come to me, which he, accordingly, did, *July* 1. 1747. making his Water only drop by drop, and with great Heat. I found, with my Sound, on this side the *Verumontanum*, two Obstructions: One, which was ulcerated, supply'd the virulent Running. I search'd him in the presence of M. *Jallet*; and, by

treating him after my usual Method, he was perfectly cur'd in two Months.

Certificate of M. Jallet.

“ I, Sworn Surgeon of *St. Côme*, having been
 “ Witness to the Ease with which M. *Daran*
 “ radically cur'd M. of *Rouen*, the Subject
 “ of the preceding Relation, do own, That M.
 “ *Daran* is possess'd of a Specific which the most
 “ skilful Surgeons have been in quest of, ever since
 “ the first appearance of the Venereal Disease, to
 “ remedy the Disorders which it occasions in the
 “ *Urethra*, as Carnosities, Ulcers, &c. and that
 “ we cannot, without injustice, deny him a perfect
 “ Confidence. In Proof whereof, I have deliver'd
 “ the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Nov. 5.

“ Sign'd,

“ 1747.

“ JALLET.”

C A S E 89.

M. *F*. aged Forty, contracted an exceeding bad Gonorrhoea seventeen Years ago, which having been, at the beginning, very badly treated, oblig'd him to have recourse to a Surgeon; who, not succeeding by the usual Method, salivated him: He was so far from being reliev'd by it, that a *Fistula* arose in *Perinaeo*, which continu'd nine Months: The Urine continually coming thro' the Ulcer, a Catheter was pass'd into the *Urethra*, which, by keeping the Urine from the Ulcer, gave it time to heal; but it continu'd well for a short time only: The *Fistula* broke out of itself, and he had been a
 Year

Year and an half in this condition, when, after a long, but useless Course of Remedies, at *Strasbourg*, he took Conserve of Roses, and Balsam of *Capivi*, which suppress'd the Running, cur'd the Shootings, and heal'd the *Fistula*: However, he did not make his Water in a full Stream; and it became less every Year: During this time, he contracted a fresh Gonorrhœa, which caus'd an Inflammation in the *Scrotum*; Tho' it was cur'd, the difficulty of making Water increas'd in such a manner, that, two Years after, there was hardly room for the Water to come away at all: The *Fistula* broke out again, and the Urine was again discharg'd that way; he took, for two Months, *Belloste's* Pills, which gave him some small Relief; he afterwards put himself under the care of a Person who us'd some particular Remedies, by which means he made his Water a little better: He then marry'd, with the consent of that Person; who told him, that his Disorder would not return: However, four or five Months after his Marriage, which was contracted six Years ago, the difficulty of making Water return'd upon him: He had recourse to the same means, and, reaping no benefit from them, he us'd the Leaden Probes, which made him worse. He had terrible attacks of a Fever, and such considerable Retentions of Urine, that he was several times in danger of losing his Life. In this condition, and considering that the *Scrotum* had been affected in his second Gonorrhœa, it was thought adviseable to salivate him again: This Salivation was attended with no better success than the former, and the Urine continu'd to come away thro' the *Fistula*, more than by the natural Passage. In these circumstances he consulted several Physicians and Surgeons, who gave him no hopes of Cure; but, having heard of me, I promis'd him a radical one. After having search'd him, July 10. 1747. in the presence of Messieurs *Sidobre* and *Combalusier*, I found the Ure-

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thra intirely beset with fungous Excrescences, except for two Fingers breadth, where the Sound went in easily: There were, externally, two *Fistulas*, which gave issue to the Urine, and a virulent Matter. I cur'd him perfectly in three Months; but, during my treatment, he had some attacks of a Fever, owing to a reflux of Urine and *Pus* into the Blood.

Certificate of M. Sidobre.

“ I, Doctor of Physic of the Faculty of *Montpe-*
 “ *lier*, and Physician to his Majesty in Consulta-
 “ tion, do certify, That I saw, and examin'd with
 “ attention, the melancholy situation of M.
 “ who, on occasion of several Gonorrhœas, and
 “ other venereal Complaints, ill treated, had the
 “ *Urethra* beset with Carnosities, and two *Fistulas*
 “ *in Perinæo*, thro' which the Urine continually
 “ drain'd itself. He had a singular Complication of
 “ Dysury, Strangury, and Incontinence of Urine;
 “ being, besides, liable to total Suppressions. Hav-
 “ ing put himself under the care of M. *Daran*,
 “ Surgeon to the King, he waited upon me, after
 “ some short time, with his *Urethra* perfectly free,
 “ the *Fistulas* clos'd, and firmly cicatriz'd, making
 “ Water in a full Stream, and in perfect Health.
 “ From hence I think, that the new Method which
 “ M. *Daran* makes use of to destroy Obstacles in
 “ the *Urethra*, arising from Gonorrhœas, is the most
 “ perfect and efficacious that can be us'd. In Proof
 “ whereof, I have sign'd the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Oct. 25.

“ 1747.

“ Sign'd,

“ SIDOBRE.”

Certi-

Certificate of M. Combalusier.

“ I Doctor of Physic of the University of *Mont-*
 “ *pelier*, of the *Royal Society of Sciences*, and
 “ formerly Professor of the Faculty of *Valentia*, do
 “ certify, That I had, from the Mouth of M.
 “ a Relation of all his venereal Disorders, such as
 “ are related in his Case ; and that I examin’d, and
 “ attentively observ’d, his deplorable condition, as
 “ there describ’d ; and that I have constantly at-
 “ tended his treatment by M. *Daran* : By which
 “ means I saw, with astonishment and pleasure, the
 “ Discharge and *Fistulas* cur’d, the *Urethra* render’d
 “ perfectly free, and the Patient obtain very good
 “ Health. In Proof whereof, I have sign’d the
 “ present Certificate.

“ Sign’d,

“ Paris, Oct. 9.

“ 1747.

“ COMBALUSIER.”

Certificate of M. Dalbon.

“ I Master in Surgery of the King’s Council, In-
 “ spector of the Liquors, and formerly Surgeon
 “ to his Majesty in his Artillery-house, and in the
 “ *Châtelet de Paris*, certify, That whatever is re-
 “ lated in the 89th Case, concerning the state of M.
 “ *F.* is exactly true. And I, moreover, certify,
 “ That the *Fistulas* were perfectly heal’d, without
 “ the assistance of any sharp Instruments ; having
 “ seen the Patient, both before and after his Cure.
 “ In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
 “ Name.

“ Sign’d,

“ Paris, Jan. 11.

“ 1748.

“ DALBON.”

C A S E 90.

June 2. 1747. I search'd, in the prefence of M. *De la Faye*, M. aged about Forty, who told me, that, in 1736. from a recent Gonorrhœa, which the Surgeon endeavour'd to suppress, he had an Abscess in *Perinæo*, which was open'd by a skilful Surgeon, and well cicatrized; but the *Urethra* remain'd contracted by the Cicatrice, and the Stream of his Water was lessen'd. Some Years after, he had a new Abscess in the same place, which was also open'd; but hardly any thing came from it but Urine. He has had, almost every Year, the same Accident; and the Passage has been, accordingly, streighten'd by the Cicatrice. I forgot to observe, that he was almost always troubled with a little purulent Running out of the *Penis*. To facilitate the issue of his Urine, he had, several times, recourse to Silver Probes; but they procur'd him only a temporary relief. In 1747. having heard of the Cures which I perform'd, he determin'd to consult me. I found, before I reach'd the *Verumontanum*, three different Obstacles, form'd by fungous Excrescences, near each other; the deepest of them was ulcerated: I soften'd and cicatrized them, and cur'd him; but I was four Months about it, tho' he had no Accident during the course.

Certificate of M. De la Faye.

“ I Of the *Royal Academy of Surgery*, Demon-
 “ strator-Royal of Operations, formerly Sur-
 “ geon to the Camps and Armies of his Majesty,
 “ do certify, That I saw eight Patients afflicted
 “ with Stoppages of Urine, caus'd by Obstacles in
 “ the

“ the *Urethra*, the unfortunate and common consequences of Gonorrhœas; which M. *Daran* undertook, and cur’d by his Method. We may very well say, that his Manner of treating these kinds of Disorders has reach’d the utmost degree of Perfection; which is a thing that has long been sought after.

“ Paris, Dec. 6.
“ 1747.

“ Sign’d,

“ DE LA FAYE.”

C A S E 91.

M. aged Thirty-five, had four Gonorrhœas: There was nothing remarkable in the three first, unless that mercurial Frictions, for seven or eight Days, were thought necessary to cure the third. The last, which was contracted about seven or eight Years ago, was treated in the usual manner, and appear’d well cur’d: Four or five Years pass’d without his feeling any Pain; but he was then seiz’d with a Retention of Urine, after having been guilty of a small Debauch, which yielded to some Emollients: Three Weeks after, he had another Retention; the consequences of it, such as a Difficulty of making Water, Heat, and intolerable Pain, continu’d for a Fortnight. A very strict Regimen, and some Remedies, having allay’d these Symptoms, he pass’d a Year in pretty good Health, tho’ with some slight Retentions, now-and-then. In *August* 1746. he had one, which continu’d twenty-four Hours: Bathing immediately reliev’d it; there only remain’d from it, for six Months, a difficulty of making Water, Heat, and a considerable diminution of the Stream of his Urine, which was sometimes fork’d: Such was his condition when he apply’d to me, recommended
by

by M. Bouilbac. I search'd him, in the presence of M. Lattier, June 20. 1747. and found two Ulcers on this side the *Verumontanum*: They had fungous edges. I apply'd my Remedies, and in ten Weeks he waited upon M. Lattier perfectly cur'd, as appears by his Certificate.

Certificate of M. Du Lattier.

“ I Formerly Surgeon-Major of the King's Ar-
 “ mies, and first Assistant to *La Charité* of Pa-
 “ ris, do attest, That I attended the treatment of
 “ the Person mention'd in the preceding Relation.
 “ A perfect Cure, which was the result of it, con-
 “ vinces me, beyond all doubt, of the justly-ac-
 “ knowleg'd Efficacy of the new Method which
 “ M. *Daran* uses in the Cure of Carnosities, and of
 “ all the Diseases of the *Urethra* in general. In
 “ Proof whereof, I have deliver'd the present Cer-
 “ tificate.

“ Paris, Dec. 7.

“ Sign'd,

“ 1747.

“ DU LATTIER.”

C A S E 92.

M. aged Forty-two, contracted, at twelve Years of Age, a Gonorrhœa, which was suppress'd by Injections: From that time he never made Water in a full Stream; and at Eighteen had his first Retention, which lasted twenty-four Hours, and for which M. pass'd the Catheter: The Retention returning the next Day, recourse was had to the same means: The Running was now return'd, the Patient went under a fresh course, and in three Months

Months he appear'd cur'd, there remaining no Discharge. For six Years he remain'd pretty easy, only now-and-then he had slight Retentions, upon the least excess; the Stream of his Urine lessen'd again at twenty-four Years of Age, and he had another Suppression, in which the introduction of the Catheter was again attempted; but M. an eminent Surgeon, failing in his attempt, he apply'd to the late M. *Livernet*, who was more successful: He then us'd medicated Candles for six Months; his Water came more freely by their means; but as there remain'd Shootings, and a difficulty of making Water, which from that time continu'd to increase, the 19th of July 1747. he was taken with another Suppression, for which the Catheter was unsuccessfully attempted to be introduced. I was then sent for: I call'd in M. *Boudou*, to see the dangerous state of the Patient, before I attempted any thing with him; and we concluded, that it was necessary to force the Obstacles with the Catheter, without which the Patient, who had made no Water at all for fifty-four Hours, must, in all likelihood, have perish'd in a short time. We left the Catheter in the Bladder five Days, after which I introduced one of my Sounds in its place: It went in easily, because the Catheter had flatten'd three Obstructions, which were so many fungous Excrecences. I continu'd my Dressings, and internal Remedies, according to my usual Method; and the Patient got perfectly well, without the intervention of any Accident, to M. *Boudou*'s knowlege, whom he waited upon after his Cure.

Certificate of M. Boudou.

" I, Surgeon of *St. Côme*, and Surgeon in Chief
 " of the *Hôtel-Dieu* of *Paris*, certify, That I
 " saw, at M. *Daran*'s House, M. labouring
 4 " under

“ under a total Suppression of Urine, owing to Car-
 “ nosities, which he had been troubled with for
 “ fifteen Years, near the *Verumontanum*: They
 “ form’d such strong callous Obstacles, that it was
 “ with the utmost difficulty I pass’d the Catheter :
 “ Some Days after, M. *Daran* introduced his
 “ Sounds, which suppurated the Carnosities, and
 “ deterg’d the Ulcers; and the Patient was perfectly
 “ cur’d by his new Method, and, consequently,
 “ free from all danger of a Relapse into the same
 “ condition; which would have been the case, if the
 “ Cause had not been remov’d.

“ Paris, Oct. 22.

“ *Sign’d,*

“ 1747.

“ Boudou.”

C A S E 93.

M. aged Thirty, contracted, about twelve
 or fourteen Years ago, a Gonorrhœa: A course of
 Physic, of eighteen Months, did not suppress it;
 and, as he felt Pain under the *Penis*, from a Hard-
 ness which remain’d there, he was advis’d to salivate,
 which resolv’d the Hardness: The Running, which
 prov’d obstinate, yielded, at last, to Balsam *Capivi*:
 He remain’d well for seven or eight Years, but, upon
 heating himself with Women, the Running appear’d
 again: It always increas’d in going to Stool; he
 sometimes felt Heat in making Water; the Stream
 of his Urine kept lessening every Day; he had fre-
 quent occasion to discharge it, and it frequently came
 away involuntarily: He was then advis’d to use
 Leaden Probes. They made the Passage freer; but
 the Running became more plentiful, and, at last,
 stopp’d of itself, shortly after his leaving off the
 Probe, and there was nothing of it seen for three
 Years; but the Passage being daily more and more
 ob-

obstructed, and the Urine often coming away only drop by drop, with Heat and Shooting, at other times stopping intirely, he apply'd to me, by the advice of one of his friends, whom I had cur'd. February 12. 1746. I search'd him, and found, on this side the *Verumontanum*, two Ulcers, at two Fingers breadth distance from each other: The farthest of them had callous edges, which considerably obstructed the Passage; and the other supply'd a very virulent Matter. I deterg'd and cicatriz'd them perfectly in three Months, to M. *Bergerot's* knowledge; who gave the following Certificate.

Certificate of M. Bergerot.

“ I, Sworn Master-Surgeon of *St. Côme*, do certify, That M. had a constant difficulty of making Water, owing to Carnosities in the *Urethra*, the unhappy consequence of former Gonorrhœas ill cur'd; and this difficulty frequently chang'd into a total Suppression. He apply'd to M. *Daran*, and was perfectly cured by his new Method against the Diseases of the *Urethra*.

“ Paris, Dec. 13.
“ 1747.

“ Sign'd,

“ BERGEROT.”

C A S E 94.

M. aged Thirty-seven, contracted, seventeen Years ago, a very virulent Gonorrhœa, which, being ill treated at first, oblig'd him to have recourse to a Surgeon, who salivated him. He was so far from finding relief from it, that two Abscesses
A a form'd

form'd in *Perinæo*, which became fistulous, and Matter and Urine were discharg'd through them, as well as the natural way, and all with difficulty. He had been a Year in this condition, when he underwent a tedious and unsuccessful Course of Physic, and then resolv'd to desist doing any thing more: During the time of his forbearing all Medicines, he contracted another Gonorrhœa, which caus'd an Inflammation to the Testicles: Tho' he was cur'd, the difficulty of making Water increas'd upon him in such a manner, that, two Years after, his Urine was discharg'd only drop by drop. Despairing, then, of his Cure, he apply'd to M. an eminent Surgeon, who told him, that he knew no better Remedy for him than the Leaden Probe, which he advis'd him to use: It, however, only made him worse. He was frequently liable to Fevers, and to such considerable Suppressions of Urine, that he was several times in great danger. It was then thought requisite, for his several Venereal Symptoms, to salivate him again; which was done, but with no better success than formerly: In these circumstances he consulted several Physicians and Surgeons, who gave him no hopes: But, hearing of me, by a Person whom I had cur'd, he came to me; and I promis'd him an absolute Cure, after having examin'd him, *July 10. 1747.* in the presence of M. *Louxto*, Master-Surgeon of *St. Côme*, and found the *Urethra* full of ulcerated Excrescences of Flesh, with a very virulent Running. There were, externally, two *Fistulas*, thro' which the Urine was discharg'd, and a very virulent Matter. I made him perfectly well in three Months: But, during the Course, he had several feverish Fits, caus'd by the Reflux of *Pus* and Urine into the Blood; as, likewise, with an œdematous Swelling of the Legs.

Certificate of M. Louxto.

“ I Sworn Surgeon of *St. Côme*, do certify, That
 “ I, M. who, for a long time, had been
 “ afflicted with a Retention of Urine, having the
 “ Canal full of Carnosities, and a Tumor in the *Pe-*
 “ *rineum*, with two *Fistulas* on one side of it, told
 “ me, that, to be cur’d, he had several times been
 “ salivated, to no purpose; that he had been di-
 “ rected to M. *Daràn*, Surgeon in ordinary to the
 “ King, who shew’d him to me, before he undertook
 “ his Cure, *July* the 10th of the same Year. Hav-
 “ ing, afterwards, very carefully examin’d him, I
 “ found him perfectly cur’d by the new Method of
 “ this Surgeon for the Diseases of the *Urethra*. In
 “ Proof whereof, I have sign’d the present Cer-
 “ tificate.

“ Paris, Oct. 20.

“ Sign’d,

“ 1747.

“ LOUXTO.”

C A S E 95.

M. M. having been cur’d of one Gonor-
 rhœa, some Years afterwards contracted a second,
 attended with a Chancre; but a Salivation, which
 was administred, cur’d only the last Symptom:
 The Running continu’d from that time, altho’ it
 was sensibly decreas’d; and he had a small Stoppage
 of Urine, with a shooting Pain in making it. He
 has, for six Months past, been subject to Retentions:
 The first continu’d only about three Hours; of the
 three succeeding ones, the most considerable lasted
 seven or eight Hours: At these times, his Urine

came only drop by drop, with extreme Pain and Straining. Seeing, at last, that the Running continu'd; that the Stream of his Urine sensibly decreas'd; and that the Discharge of it was always attended with Shootings; knowing, besides, my success, from one of his Countrymen whom I had cur'd; he set out from to put himself under my care. I search'd him, in the presence of M. *De Biag*, Surgeon of *St. Côme*; and found, on this side the *Verumontanum*, two Carnosities, one of which was ulcerated, and supply'd the virulent Matter. I treated him after my Method, and made him quite well in two Months.

Certificate of M. De Biag.

“ I Sworn Surgeon of *St. Côme*, do certify, That
 “ I, I was Witness to the truth of all that is contain'd in the Relation, which gives an Account of
 “ the Disease of M. M. His perfect Cure has
 “ convinced me, that the new Method of M. *Dar-*
 “ *ran* is the most certain that is known, to destroy
 “ Carnosities of the *Urethra*, which succeed to Go-
 “ norrhœas. In Proof whereof, I have sign'd the
 “ present Certificate.

“ Paris, Dec. 5.

“ Sign'd,

“ 1747.

“ DE BIAG.”

C A S E 96.

Contain'd in the Certificate of M. Foubert.

“ I Master in Surgery, Surgeon in ordinary to
 “ the King in his Parliament-house, and formerly Surgeon in chief to the Hospital *La Cha-*
 “ *rité*

“ *rite* for Men at *Paris*, do certify, That I was
 “ sent for, *September 4. 1747.* by *M. Faget*, Master
 “ in Surgery to the Queen, to see *M.* who
 “ had so considerable a Retention of Urine, that his
 “ Bladder was stretch’d to a prodigious size, and
 “ look’d like a Foot-ball: He had a very high
 “ Fever, with the Hiccough: He lay stupid, and
 “ almost motionless; remaining exactly in the same
 “ Place he was put in. *M. Faget*, who had been
 “ sent for some Hours before me, had made several
 “ attempts to introduce the Catheter; had bled
 “ him; had given him a large quantity of Oil of
 “ sweet Almonds, and us’d all the common means.
 “ I attempted the introduction of the Catheter again,
 “ but with no better success: I understood that the
 “ Patient had, for a long time, labour’d under Car-
 “ nosities in the *Urethra*, which frequently occa-
 “ sion’d a Stoppage of Urine; I was then persuaded,
 “ that the only way to save his Life was, to make a
 “ Puncture in the *Hypogastrium*: I propos’d it to
 “ *M. Faget*, who was of the same Opinion. He
 “ fetch’d a Troquar, and immediately perform’d
 “ the Operation: He discharg’d a prodigious quan-
 “ tity of Urine; but, after the evacuation, the
 “ Bladder sunk within the *Pelvis*; by which means,
 “ the *Canula* of the Troquar was disengag’d from
 “ it, and there was no more Urine discharg’d thro’
 “ it, but it spread among the fatty Membranes. To
 “ remedy this inconvenience, we took out the *Ca-*
 “ *nula*, let the Bladder fill again, and then made a
 “ new Puncture; but, while the Water was dis-
 “ charging, I pass’d a Probe into the *Canula*, to pre-
 “ serve the Passage: I withdrew the *Canula* of the
 “ Troquar, and introduced one that was smaller,
 “ curv’d, and long enough to continue in the Blad-
 “ der, tho’ never so much shrunk: This *Canula*,
 “ which I made upon the spot with half a Catheter,
 “ which I cut and fitted on purpose, kept perfectly
 “ well

“ well in its situation, by the means of a Bandage
 “ and Straps; and was, also, kept clos’d, so as to let
 “ out the Water only occasionally: From this time,
 “ the Patient grew daily better; all his Symptoms
 “ ceas’d, as Fever, Hiccough, Stupor; and he ap-
 “ pear’d quite out of danger as to his Life; but his
 “ *Uretbra* still continued beset with Carnosities, so
 “ that not a drop of Water came away; and he
 “ had a Gleet of ten Years Continuance. In this
 “ Condition *M. Daran*, Surgeon in ordinary to the
 “ King, undertook the Cure of the Carnosities, to
 “ hinder the Return of the Disease; and so happily
 “ succeeded by his new Method, that, a few Days
 “ after, the Patient made Water in a full Stream:
 “ We healed up the Puncture of the Belly, and the
 “ Patient is now perfectly well: In proof whereof I
 “ have signed the present Certificate.

“ Paris, Nov. 15.

“ 1747.

“ Sign’d,

“ FOUBERT.”

Certificate of *M. Faget*.

“ I Do certify, That all that is related above, is
 “ exactly true; having been Witness to the
 “ whole Transaction, before and after the Cure.

“ Paris, Nov. 15.

“ 1747.

“ Signed,

“ FAGET.”

CASE

C A S E 97.

M. —, aged 27, a *German*, without having ever exposed himself to the Danger of contracting any Venereal Complaint, perceived, at the Age of Twelve, that a very thick Matter was discharged by the *Penis*; which stained his Linen, and formed a sort of Crust at the end of the *Urethra*. These Symptoms continued eight Days; and, during that Time, he felt a shooting in making Water: After this, the Running and Shooting went off: When he was Twenty, he observed, that, upon the least Excess, particularly in Drinking, he had a Stoppage of Urine, which came out very small, and in two or more Streams: He was three whole Years without using any Remedy, and without feeling any great Inconvenience, being very careful in his Way of living: However, as the Stream of his Water daily lessened, and came only drop by drop, he imagined he had the Stone, and was searched; which Operation gave him great Pain, and occasioned a considerable Loss of Blood: The Surgeon found no Stone, but an Excrescence in the *Urethra*: Some means that were used, procured a more free Discharge to the Urine for three Months: After this, the same means, being renewed, proved unsuccessful; others were directed, which had but a slight Effect; for the Running returned; and, to make Water, which was always with great Smarting, he was obliged to introduce every Day a Probe: He then consulted M. *Côme*, Surgeon, who brought him to me: I searched him in his Presence, and found in the *Urethra*, two Sorts of little round fungous Excrescences, pretty near the excretory Ducts of the *Prostatæ*, at a Finger's breadth from each other; and at the *Fossa Navicularis* an Ulcer, which

supplied a yellowish *Pus*. I cured him in two Months, and got his Cure attested by M. *Ruffel*.

Certificate of M. Ruffel.

“ I, Sworn Surgeon of *St. Côme*, and Surgeon-
 “ Major of the King’s Body Guards, do certify,
 “ That I saw at M. *Daran*’s M. ———, a Ger-
 “ man, who told me, that he had been troubled
 “ for several Years with a Stoppage of Urine, which
 “ first began when he was but twelve Years old,
 “ without his having given any Occasion to it by
 “ contracting any Gonorrhœa; and that, after se-
 “ veral Remedies used unsuccessfully, M. *Côme*,
 “ Surgeon, advised him to apply to Mr. *Daran*, and
 “ went with him to his House: He happily cured
 “ him of all his Disorders, by his new Method.
 “ The State the Patient was in, is specified in the
 “ preceding Relation, which I have read in his
 “ Presence, and he acknowledged true: In proof
 “ whereof I have signed the present Certificate.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, Dec. 22.

“ 1747.

“ RUFFEL.”

C A S E 98.

The Marquis of ———, aged Twenty-five,
 having consulted M. *Boyer*, Physician in ordinary to
 the King, upon a Complaint which greatly alarmed
 him, was by him directed to me: I learnt from
 him, that when he was Nine or Ten Years old, he
 had a Retention of Urine, which obliged him to
 use the warm Bath; and that from that time he
 had always made Water with Difficulty and Shoot-
 ings:

ings : At Fourteen he contracted a Gonorrhœa, for which he used no Remedies for two Years : It was then stopt, after three Months Treatment, by Injections : A Year after, it was judged necessary to salivate him ; he also used Bougies, which did not in the least relieve him : Ever since his Gonorrhœa, he has had a constant Cough, frequently a Pain in his Chest, and Colics : In 1746. his Erections were neither so frequent, or so easy, as before ; he oftentimes found an Incapacity of emitting ; the Stream of his Urine became very small, and he made it with shooting Pains, and frequently drop by drop. I found, upon searching him, in Presence of M. Benomont, an Obstacle in the middle of the *Urethra*, and an Ulcer with callous Edges, near the excretory Ducts of the seminal Vesicles. I took him in hand, and all his Complaints disappeared in two Months and an half ; and an unnatural Conformation, which he had near the Neck of the Bladder, was likewise carried off. His Cure is known to M. Boyer, Physician ; and to M. Benomont, who has certified it.

Certificate of M. Benomont.

“ I, Sworn Surgeon of *Paris*, do certify, That I
 “ was sent for by Mr. *Daran*, to attest the State
 “ of the Disease of M. ———. After he had re-
 “ cited to me his unfortunate Amours, and the In-
 “ conveniences resulting from them by a Stoppage
 “ of Urine, I examined the *Urethra* with a Cathe-
 “ ter, and found an Obstacle, which streightened
 “ the Passage, known by the Name of Carnosity,
 “ which resisted the Introduction of the Instru-
 “ ment. Mr. *Daran* undertook his Cure ; and,
 “ after having used his Sounds about a Month, sent
 “ to me again, to examine the Patient ; who af-
 “ firmed

“ fured me, that he made Water in a full Stream ;
 “ and I was Witness to a pretty large Sound being
 “ introduced without Difficulty to the Neck of the
 “ Bladder. It is but doing Justice to M. *Daran*,
 “ to assure the Public, that he has great Experience
 “ in these Diseases ; and that his manner of treating
 “ them is methodical to the last Degree.

“ Signed,

“ Paris, Dec. 21.

“ 1747.

“ BENOMONT.”

C A S E 99.

The Baron of ———, aged Forty-eight, who had remaining, from a third Gonorrhœa, a simple Diminution of the Stream of his Urine, was not so happy as to have a fourth carried off, the Stream of his Urine decreasing daily, in spite of Remedies ; and, quite tired of them, he left them off till *April* 1744. when the Stoppage of Urine being considerably increased, and Matter being always discharged with it, Mercurial Frictions were administered without Effect : The Obstruction growing worse, notwithstanding this Remedy, which had been recommended as infallible, several Abscesses formed in *Perinæo*, which were opened, and discharged a great Quantity of Matter and Urine : The free Discharge which the Matter found, was so far from preventing it from injuring the neighbouring Parts, that it formed new Abscesses, which degenerated into *Fistulas*, in spite of the best Means used to prevent it : One thing very remarkable is, that the Urine, notwithstanding its easy Discharge thro’ the *Fistulas* in *Perinæo*, continued to flow, in part, the natural Way : Such was his Condition, when he heard of the radical Cures which I had performed upon Per-

sons

sons whose condition was as deplorable as his own ; but as he could not bear the gentlest Carriage, where the Posture of Sitting was necessary, he was brought to *Paris* from a City in *Germany*, laid along in a Litter : He has not repented of the Fatigue, inseparable from a long Journey, in this Situation ; and his Confidence has been rewarded with a perfect Cure, performed under the Observation of M. *Medalon* and M. *Godefroy*, Surgeon.

Certificate of M. Medalon.

“ I Counsellor, Physician to the King, and to
 “ his Company of Hundred *Swisses*, formerly
 “ Physician to the King’s Camps and Armies, do
 “ certify, That I saw several Persons afflicted with
 “ Stoppages of Urine, owing to Carnosities in the
 “ *Urethra*, perfectly cured by Mr. *Daran*, Sur-
 “ geon in ordinary to the King. I furthermore do
 “ certify, That I was Witness to the Cure specified
 “ in the 99th Relation : If the miserable Condition
 “ of the Officer who is the Subject of it, proves
 “ the Efficacy of Mr. *Daran*’s Remedies, it proves
 “ equally the Imprudence of those, who, in such
 “ Circumstances, venture to commit themselves to
 “ People unacquainted with these Sorts of Disor-
 “ ders.

“ Paris, Oct. 30.

“ Signed,

“ 1747.

“ D. MEDALON.”

C A S E

C A S E 100.

*The History of M. Maisonneuve, Ecuyer,
and one of the Grooms of the Wardrobe.*

Written by himself.

I am forty-six Years of Age; I have always been threatened with being afflicted with the Stone, from the time of my being at College. In *September 1739.* being in Waiting, and holding the Orders and Sword ready to present them, I felt a very severe Pain, which immediately went off, and I was flushed all over: I went thro' my Office, and, being got into my Chamber, I discharged, by the *Penis*, several drops of Blood as large as Peas. I consulted several Physicians and Surgeons of the Court, who differed in their Opinion: *M. Marcot*, Physician in ordinary to the King, told me, that he could impute it to nothing but a Stone that had fallen from the Kidneys into the Bladder; that, however, he might be mistaken; that I ought not to think of it, but observe a strict Regimen: I remained twenty Months, without Pain: On *Easter Day 1741.* going in my Chaise to *Paris*, I was seized with a violent Fever, with a great Pain in my Loins, a Weight in the Bladder, and so considerable a Suppression of Urine, that, though I was twice bled in the Arm, and once in the Foot, and used Clysters with Linseed and Ptisans, I continued for three Days making only a few drops of Water, and that with great Pain and Straining: On the fourth Day, the Suppression becoming total, the Catheter was passed, and the Surgeon told me he felt a Stone: The Instrument being withdrawn, my Water came away readily, but for the first Days with Pain; and I found myself in a Condition to return home four Days

Days after : I remained pretty easy till 1743. feeling, however, every now-and-then, a great Pain at the end of the *Penis* when I had done making Water : *November* the 14th, 1743. I was seized in the Night with a total Suppression : I was brought to *Paris* ; for eight Days I took several emollient Medicines, was bled in the Arm and Foot, my Urine came away with difficulty and great Pain ; at the end of the eighth Day it was thought necessary to pass the Catheter, which M. *le Compte* did, and left the Instrument in till Seven the next Morning : In drawing it out, the Stone that was in the Bladder followed it, and stopt in the Passage near the *Anus* ; I thought it had pierced it, and, putting my Hand to the Part, I felt a Substance of the Bigness of a Nut : The Surgeons comforted me, telling me the Stone might pass, and that, if an Operation should be necessary, it would be easy, and without Danger.

Three Hours after, the Stone advanced with great Pain as far as the Testicles ; Oil of sweet Almonds was several times injected into the Passage, but none of it remained : By pressing from Eleven o'Clock to Four, the Stone was brought as far as the *Glans* : So considerable a Swelling came on then in an instant, that the *Glans* was strangled by the Prepuce, and was bent over it, being also swelled to a monstrous Size : The Operation being requisite, it was performed at half an Hour after Six : M. *le Compte* cut the Prepuce that strangled the *Glans*, in the upper Part ; after which he divided the two Sides, hoping, by these means, he should be able to see to cut into the *Urethra*, and lay hold of the Stone : But this not answering, he cut the *Glans* on the left Side from the Root ; and, unfortunately, the Stone bursting out with the Urine, which was in great quantity, lacerated the Passage to the very Extremity, as he told M. *de Lapeyronie* when

when he came to see the Wound on the fourth Day.

I was out of danger in twelve Days ; but every now-and-then afterwards, there was discharged from the Passage a small quantity of clear Matter, which somewhat stained my Linen : This was imputed to the Laceration of the *Urethra* by the Stone ; and disappeared in four Months, without my doing any thing for it : On *Corpus Christi Day* in 1744. I had a total Retention from Two o'Clock in the Afternoon till Eleven the next Morning, when M. *Oliver*, the Surgeon, prescribed me a Draught ; and, about half an Hour after, my Water burst out with Violence, and I believe there was a Stone came away with it ; but I am not sure of it, as I made Water in the Street.

I have had no total Suppressions since that Time ; but every now-and-then some Pain ; and I made my Water in a small quantity, and the Stream of it was sometimes very small. In last *Easter Week* I had a violent Pain in the Loins, and a Fever : I was bled twice on the *Saturday* ; and after I had diluted, and thrown up emollient Glysters, I was purged with two Ounces of Manna, and some purging Salt, which worked briskly : At Five in the Afternoon I was taken with a violent Pain in the *Penis*, attended with Itching and Shooting : I was four Hours in filling a Glass with slimy Matter, stained with florid Blood, at above twenty different times, and with the greatest Straining ; the two following Hours I made another Glass full ; but the Sliminess was greater, and still stained with Blood ; and before Midnight I discharged two ropy Substances, which did not separate in coming away, and which filled a Glass ; they were likewise tinged with Blood ; and all this without a drop of Urine ; which occasioned so great a Weakness, that I could hardly stand.

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Ever since 1739. I have discharged with my Watery Matter, of different Colours, as large as half an Egg.

The 30th of last *November* I rode seventeen Leagues from my own House to *Fontainebleau*; and the next Day, after the King's Levee, I had a total Suppression of Urine: Clysters of Linseed were thrown up: When I was warm in Bed, upon pressing a certain Part under the Testicles, a few drops of Water were squeezed out, which I was obliged every Moment to force out, with inconceivable Pain and Straining.

M. *Hevin*, first Surgeon to the Dauphiness, having bled me, directed warm Bathings; and for some Days my Water came dropping out; but, after the sixth bathing, I was seized with a Fever: When that was carried off, I took again to Bathing, and was purged with *Cassia* and *Manna*, which gave me several Stools, but brought away no Water; for, during the last Bathing, I could only make Water when I pressed a certain Part of the *Urethra* under the Testicles, and then not without great Pain and Straining. Having been in the Bath thirteen times, without any Effect, M. *Hevin* advised me to go to *Paris* to Mr. *Daran*, Surgeon in ordinary to the King; and I went to him *November* the 14th. Two Hours after he had introduced the first Sound, I discharged a small quantity of thick Water; the next Day my Urine was thick and fetid, full of a slimy Matter, *Pus*, and something resembling Brick-dust: having the third Day got over an Obstacle that was under the Testicles, I was seized with a violent Fever: I discharged Blood after my Urine; at Noon the Pain was great both in making Water, and after I had done: In the Afternoon and Evening I likewise discharged much Blood with my Urine, which was excessive fetid, and brought away with it some Stones, which were lodged in the *Ure-*
thra,

thra, under the Testicles, in that Part where, after pressing, a few drops of Urine used to come out, that were as clear as Water : The Pain, however, continued. On *Sunday* the 19th, Mr. *Daran*, in passing his Sound, felt a Stone, which occasioned a small Discharge of Blood ; and on *Monday* the 20th, the last Stone was dislodged, the Pain ceas'd, and the Passage was healed in three Days ; so that the Urine came away in a full Stream, and without Pain : The Week after, upon Mr. *Daran*'s passing a pretty large Sound, I felt great Pain four Inches within the *Penis* ; four Hours after, when he took out the Sound, I made Water with Pain, and it was followed by ten or twelve large drops of Blood, which made me very uneasy : I still felt Pain four or five Hours after in making Water, and a little Blood came away : I kept a small Sound in all Night ; but it could not enter, as the others had done, in the Evening, on account of the Pain I felt : The next Day, in the Morning, after the Sound was extracted, I made Water ; and there came out at the same time a thin Plate of Lead, about half as long as a small Pin, but not half so thick, with two small Pieces of a yellowish Substance, which evidently inclosed Lead, and which had remained in the *Urethra* ever since the Operation that was performed upon me in the Year 1743. This small Plate of Lead had separated from a Leaden Probe, which I was directed to use after the Operation, to enlarge the Passage ; and it is probable, that all the Stones that were under the Testicles, and which Mr. *Daran*'s Sounds brought away, were detained by the Streightening which this Obstacle caused in the Passage : The Cicatrice at the Entrance of the *Urethra* was so streight, that Mr. *Daran*, at first, could hardly introduce his smallest Sounds ; but at present the Entrance is as large as the rest of the Canal. Mr. *Daran* carried me back to *Versailles*
Novem-

November the 4th, perfectly recovered, and making Water in a full Stream. I have entered upon Duty again; and what is most surprising, is, that after having undergone the cruellest Torture for a Fortnight at *Fontainebleau*; after thirteen Bathings, and a considerable time passed without eating or sleeping; in short, after having suffered severe Pain for ten or twelve Days at Mr. *Daran's*, I have so well recovered my Looks in eight Days time, that there is no appearance of my having ever been ill at all. This sudden Alteration greatly surprised all those to whom I have the Honour of being known at Court, who saw me set out from *Fontainebleau* in a dying Condition, as my Bladder must infallibly have mortified, if I had continued three or four Days without Assistance; and it is with Pleasure and Gratitude that I publicly declare, that I owe my Life to Mr. *Daran*. It is my Desire, that Mr. *Daran* do make my Relation public; being desirous, that those who are in my Condition, may be inform'd, that the Efficacy of Mr. *Daran's* Remedy extends to Obstacles of the *Urethra* of all kinds.

“ Paris, Dec. 20.

“ 1747.

“ DE MAISONNEUVE,

“ Groom of the King's

“ Wardrobe.”

Certificate of M. Hevin.

“ I First Surgeon to the Dauphiness, Demonstra-
 “ tor-Royal and Secretary-Royal to the Royal
 “ Academy of Surgery for Correspondences, do
 “ certify, That M. *de Maisonneuve*, one of the
 “ Grooms of the Wardrobe, was afflicted for several
 “ Years with a Disease of the *Urethra* and Neck of
 “ the Bladder; in a Fit of which, as I attended on
 “ him in the last Journey the Court made to *Fon-*
 “ tainebleau,

“ *tainebleau*, I advised him to apply to Mr. *Daran*,
 “ Surgeon in Ordinary to the King ; the Applica-
 “ tion of whose Remedies was followed by so sud-
 “ den a Success, that in a few Days he returned to
 “ his Duty, and was absolutely delivered from all
 “ his Complaints : I saw him make Water without
 “ Interruption, in great Quantity, and in a full
 “ Stream, without Pain or Straining : He was un-
 “ der Cure from *November* the 14th to *December*
 “ the 4th. The Success of M. *Maisonneuve*’s
 “ Cure, joined to several others which I have had
 “ occasion to certify, proves, that Mr. *Daran*’s
 “ Method for the Diseases of the *Urethra* is very
 “ efficacious, and preferable to any other.

“ Signed,

“ Versailles, Dec. 12.

“ 1747.

“ HEVIN.”

C A S E 101.

M. *le F*——, aged Thirty-five, contracted,
 fourteen Years ago, a Gonorrhœa ; he was succes-
 sively under the Care of several Surgeons, who
 could not stop the Running for several Years : Tired
 with Remedies, he totally left them off, and lived
 carelessly till 1742. when a remarkable Diminution
 of the Stream of his Urine, and two total Reten-
 tions, which were followed by several others in 1743.
 made him reflect upon his Situation. In 1745. he
 consulted M. ———, Surgeon of *St. Côme*, who,
 with difficulty, introduced a very small Catheter,
 by the Help of which he discovered an Obstacle in
 the Passage, and added further, that he suspected
 there were more in the Bladder : At the latter end of
 1746. he came to me, and I searched him ; but as
 I was but newly arrived at *Paris*, notwithstanding
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the good Account given him of me by M. *Astruc*, *Molin*, and *Vernage*, he refus'd his Confidence; but went to an eminent Surgeon, who promised to cure him: For this Purpose he introduced a Bougie, which the Patient was to carry constantly in the Passage; but he was obliged to take it out in the middle of the Night, on account of the Pain it gave him: In extracting it, such a quantity of Blood was discharged, that the Patient thought himself a dead Man. This Hæmorrhage continued a long while, and a Fever came on. The Surgeon, coming the next Day to renew the Dressing, was dismiss'd; and the Patient committed himself to my Care. I found, by searching, an Obstacle in the middle of the Passage, and a very considerable Discharge. M. *Casamajor* was present when I searched him. The Obstacle consisted in a scirrhus Swelling on this Side the *Verumontanum*, where there was an Ulceration: The Passage was almost wholly obstructed: The Discharge of Matter proceeded from the Ulcer of the *Verumontanum*: He was moreover troubled with a periodical Fever, which came on regularly every Night, with Restlessness, Weariness, Loss of Stomach; which Symptoms betray'd a pocky Taint lurking in the Blood. I began by freeing the Passage; which took me up four Months: The Running remained still on him in pretty great quantity. Under a pretext of resting for a Fortnight, he never came near me for a Month. In the mean while, the Disorder of the *Urethra*, which was not wholly carried off, brought back the former Symptoms. Instead of having recourse to the same means, he forgot the Benefit he had receiv'd from them, and made it his Business to run them down everywhere. At last, what he suffered brought him to Repentance; and he again begg'd my Assistance. Revenge does not belong to me; and I take a Pleasure in sacrificing Self-love to the Good of Society;

and I agreed to the Reconciliation, under one Condition only ; which was, that I would attempt nothing without another Surgeon being called in ; and accordingly I desired Mr. *Sarrau* to be present, forewarning him at the same time, that I did not pretend to procure him a radical Cure, unless he underwent a Salivation. I then set about his Cure ; and he was sensible, as well as Mr. *Sarrau* and myself, that every thing went on excessive well. He nevertheless made another Elopement, and I saw no more of him till last *April* ; when he told me, that he was well in every respect, and wondered himself at the Alteration. I wish this may last ; but I desire it more than I expect it : However, he shall always be welcome to my Assistance.

C A S E 102.

M. ———, aged Sixty, a Tradesman in the City of *Champagne*, got a second Gonorrhœa in 1722. which was not so well taken care of as his first : To a very plentiful, and a very virulent Discharge, came on a very violent Scalding : The Running lessened, but did not disappear ; or at least, if it did so some Days, it always returned in greater Plenty. He remained in this Condition till 1741. when he began to feel some painful Shootings and Scalding. He tried several things without much Relief. At last, in 1744. the Heat increasing, and his Urine being loaded with a greyish Gravel, and a slimy Matter, he consulted a Physician, who was famous in these Sorts of Disorders : He, however, did him very little Service ; and it lasted so little, that in 1745. he was obliged to undergo a fresh Course. He received the most Good from living upon white Meats. In the mean while, hearing of me, he sent me the State of his Case ; upon which I advised him

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to come to *Paris* ; which he did, and came to my House the 16th of *December* 1746. I searched him in the Presence of Mr. *Cantwell*, Doctor of Physic, and found in the *Urethra* a fordid Ulcer, with callous Edges ; and another on the Prostate Glands, which afforded a very plentiful Discharge. The callous Edges of these Ulcers, by swelling suddenly, had occasioned him several Retentions, one of which had lasted ten Hours. In a Month's time I dissolved the callous Edges of these Ulcers ; but there was too great a Discharge of Matter not to suspect that some other Part was affected : My Conjecture proved well founded ; for when I had got to the Bladder, I found it so impaired, that I advised him to call in some Physicians : Messieurs *Pouffe* and *Astruc* prescribed him Things which they judg'd more proper for him to take at home ; and accordingly he returned home, without being cured, and suffering excessively from his diseased Bladder, of which he died a very little while after.

As I before advanced, in my Remarks on the Disorders of the *Urethra*, my Remedy acts on those Parts only with which it comes into Contact. The Matter furnished by the Ulcers having in this Person made its Way into the Bladder, he was not in a Capacity to be benefited by my Method. You see, by this History, that I am not always able to make a sure Prognostic before I have got to the Bladder : As also, that those who labour under any Disorders of the *Urethra*, run the Risk, by delaying, of having the Evil get to the Bladder, and of its then becoming incurable.

C A S E 103.

Mr. D——, aged Forty, had been afflicted for above twenty Years with the most cruel Difficulty of making Water, when he did me the Honour of consulting me in *December* 1745. He had used all sorts of means ; the Leaden Probes, Escharotics, and Caustics, had all been tried. One will easily judge, that these last did more Harm than Good. I searched him, and discovered a scirrhus Tumour on the bulbous Part of the *Urethra*. I told him, that I would attempt his Cure ; but that I had great reason to fear, lest the corrosive Medicines he had used, should render mine useless ; which indeed proved to be the Case. I did all I could for three Months successively, but was not able to procure him the least Relief. I did not think proper to go farther ; and I prognosticated to him, that others would not be more fortunate. He has, for his own Satisfaction, made several other Trials ; but they have only served to verify my Prognostic,

C A S E 104.

In the Month of *November* 1745. after my being come to *Paris*, old Mr. *Pouffe* and his Son, both Doctors of Physic, and Mr. *Puzos*, Surgeon of *St. Côme*, brought to me Mr. T——, who was about Fifty-five Years of Age, who for eight Years past had laboured under a great Difficulty of making Water, and for above fifteen under a Gleet. These Complaints were owing to some callous Ulcers, which I discovered in the *Urethra*. I cured him in six Weeks ; but he died some Months after ;
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and, being opened before old Mr. *Pouffe*, the *Urethra* was found intirely free ; but he had a scirrhus Tumour in the Liver, and a preternatural Dilatation of the Colon, which hindered both the Fæces, and bilious Humour, from passing through this Intestine.

C A S E 105.

M. ———, Fifty Years old, was in *September* 1746. seized with a rheumatic Pain in his left Hip, which, two Months after, reached the right Side : Several things were administred ; but he reaped no Benefit from them. At the beginning of *January* 1747. he made bloody Water ; but this soon went off, and appeared again six Weeks after. He then had a Consultation of some of the first Surgeons, to know whence the Blood proceeded ; and as it was discharged before the Urine, which was not so much as tinged with it, it was decided, that it proceeded from the *Urethra*. Bleeding and Bathing having been put in Practice without Effect, Astringents were tried. I was then called in, and found in the *Urethra* an Excrecence, which Mr. *Casamajor*, who was the usual Physician of the Patient, was made sensible of. We agreed, that this should first be removed ; which I did : But the Hæmorrhage still subsisting, a Consultation was agreed on ; where were present Mess. *Pouffe* the Father, *De Jussieu*, *Foubert*, and myself ; and it was decided, that the Body itself of the Bladder was ulcerated, and full of Fungus. I was nevertheless desired to continue my Attendance, to preserve the Freedom of the Passage : But his Illness being incurable, he was at last carried off by it.

M. ———, a Captain of Foot, was very unfortunate in three Gonorrhœas which he contracted: They all proved very obstinate; and the last kept running till they used astringent Injections. Some time after, being just returned from a long Journey, and being very much heated by it, he was seized with a Fever, and Suppression of Urine; and ever after, his Water came away with Difficulty, and loaded with slimy Matter. In 1742. he had another Retention, which lasted four Days and a half. What must he have endured in a Suppression which he had two Months before he put himself under my Care, which was total, and lasted seven whole Days! He had moreover in 1743. a Swelling of the right Testicle, which yielded to the Application of an Oil which a Surgeon gave him, and which he used but once, on account of its inflaming the left Testicle; and he was after this disabled from emitting the *Semen*. I treated this Gentleman after my Method, with the Knowledge of Mess. *Boyer*, *Rabours*, and *Morand*, and destroy'd the Obstacles of the *Urethra*, which had obliged him to apply to me, and which had so often endangered his Life: But as my Remedies could have no Effect over a hectic Fever or Consumption he was lingering under during the Treatment, he only got better of the Disorders of his *Urethra*, but died of the other Illness; as Mess. *Boyer*, *Rabours*, and *Morand*, can testify.

A P P E N D I X.

AS the nature of the disorders incident to a human Body are learnt by nothing so well as by the exact histories of those disorders, I thought, that notwithstanding the number of Cases related in the foregoing Treatise, the Reader would not be displeased at being detained by a few more of them when he flattered himself, that he had run his Race, though it were but to glean a little more knowlege concerning the nature of the disorders of the *Urethra*.

If my design had been to swell out this Work, I could have done it with small labour to myself, a plenty of Materials lying before me; for besides the Cures which I saw with my own Eyes, while with Mr. *Daran*, and those performed by myself since my return to *England*, I had the perusal of the historical Register, which Mr. *Daran* keeps with the utmost exactness, of all the Persons that pass under his hands; but out of this multiplicity of Cases, I have chosen those only, that either had something particular in the causes which produced them, or in the symptoms which attended them, and in which there was some material difference from those already seen by the Reader.

As most of the Cures which I saw, performed, or perused, are similar to those already met with in the foregoing Collection, I shall present the Reader with a few only; which, as a Desert after a

plentiful Repast, may serve to amuse him ; or, as a Desert, may remain untouch'd by him, if he is already fully satiated.

But, before I enter upon this, I must not let slip this opportunity of declaring, that what has been so industriously spread of me, that none but the Rich could reap any advantage from my Remedies, on account of my exorbitant Prices, is wholly void of truth, as many that owe the Recovery of their health to my Cares, can assert. I am guided by a Rule which Custom and Reason have established in other Cases of Surgery ; the Nature of the Illness, and the Circumstances of the Patient, determine the Reward.

C A S E I.

Mr. B an Officer in the Regiment of in his 63d Year, had in his youth been very unfortunate in his amours, having contracted several Gonorrhœas, which, after the administration of mercurial Medicines, were dried up by astringent Injections. Ever since the first, which he had at the age of twenty, the Stream of his Urine had been somewhat less than natural ; he however reach'd the age of sixty-two, without perceiving any other Inconvenience ; he was then seiz'd with a violent pain in his Loins, for which he took a great quantity of Medicines ; for six months together, he kept discharging a tough viscid Matter by the *Anus*, and afterwards the like sort of Matter was also discharged by the *Penis* ; he now made Water with a great deal of difficulty, and violent straining ; had several Fits of *Ischury* ; and there was a whitish Sediment in his Urine that resambled the whites of eggs, which often stuffed up the *Urethra*, and hindered the coming out of the Urine.

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In *March* 1749. he applied to Mr. *Daran*, labouring at that very time under a total Suppression, which had lasted him twelve Hours : Mr. *Daran* immediately procur'd a Discharge to the Water by the means of his Sounds, and discovered a Stone sticking in the Substance of the *Urethra*, about the middle of it, and a fungous Excrecence that had sprouted up about an inch further.

In less than two Months, that part of the *Urethra* which the Stone was lock'd in, was thoroughly suppurated ; and the Stone, lying loose in the Passage, was forc'd out by the Urine. It was about the Size and Shape of the Kernel of a Tamarine, of a dark-brown and smooth Surface, and a little ragged at one end. He voided the next Day three smaller ones that were ragged, and seemed broken off from the largest.

He now made Water with as much ease as if he had never had any Disorder ; and the Ulcers were intirely cicatrized in a short time.

REFLECTION.

This Gentleman's Illness having first declar'd itself by a Pain in the Loins, shews, that the Stone which afterwards stopt in the *Urethra*, was originally form'd in one of the Kidneys ; whence it was driven down by the Urine, thro' one of the Ureters, into the Bladder ; and from thence made its way into the *Urethra*, where it was in all likelihood stopt by a fungous Excrecence of the nature of that which was situated an inch above it, which stopt the Stone, either on account of its being of a larger size than the first, or by the force of the Water being broken by the first Obstruction, and consequently less able to drive the Stone forwards thro' a fresh Impediment.

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It is to be observ'd, that this Gentleman always made Water with ease, during the course of his Cure, while he had the Sound in the *Urethra*; for the Stone which lay across the passage, and exactly filled its cavity, was gently raised up on that part of it which was not adherent, and was laid flat against the Sides of the *Urethra* (as I could plainly perceive in passing the Sound); and the Urine would then insinuate itself round the Sound, and find a vent; but, upon the removal of it, the Stone fell down again in its former situation, and again obstructed the Urine.

The three small ragged Stones voided afterwards, seem to me to have been detach'd from the first; and it is possible the whole Stone was ragged at first, which made it more liable to stick in its passage; but was rendered smooth by the action of the Urine passing over it, which could have no effect on that part of it that was buried in the Substance of the *Urethra*.

C A S E 2.

Mr. *Beckon*, Captain of Horse, aged forty, received a musket-shot under the Scrotum at the battle of *Val*; a violent Inflammation and Mortification ensued, and the Urine was discharged through the Wound. He was cured by Mr. *de la Martiniere*, now first Surgeon to the King of *France*; but there remained a great difficulty of making Water, with a frequent Inclination of doing it, the Urine coming out first drop by drop, and afterwards in a small stream, that soon parted into two branches. All these complaints were intirely carried off by Mr. *Daran's* Method.

R E F L E C T I O N.

In the cure of all wounds that penetrate into the *Urethra*, I should think it advisable to keep in the Passage a Wax Candle, or any other Sound of a mild composition; which, by gently distending the Parts, will prevent the diameter of the *Urethra* from being lessened by the Cicatrice of the Wound; and, by a soft pressure, will hinder any Fungus from rising up, which, as it lies out of sight, is not attended to in time, and may afterwards prove the cause of another Disorder.

C A S E 3.

M. a Hatter, aged 79, had lived above forty Years in the matrimonial State; during which time he had always been true to the conjugal bed: He had now almost forgot both the Sins of his Youth, and the Punishments that had attended them. He perceived, two Years ago, a small hard Tumor just below the Scrotum; which increased considerably, and became as big as an Egg, obstructing the Urine in its course: Emollient Cataplasms were applied, and it was brought to Suppuration, and opened; the Urine came thro' the Wound; it was healed up in two Months, and dilating Candles were used to restore a free Passage to the Urine; but he ever after was troubled with a pain and difficulty in making Water. A Year after, the Swelling rose again; he had recourse to the same means; Candles were again used, but they only served to increase his Sufferings. He then applied to Mr. *Daran*, having a hard Tumor in *Perineo* of the bigness of a Hen's Egg, divided in its length by a sort of Fissure formed by two large inverted Lips. There

There was another fistulous opening on the right Side of the *Perinaeum*, and the Urine that escaped thro' the cracks of the *Urethra*, made its way to it by hidden Sinuses, and caused the acutest Pains, washing away along with it a great quantity of Matter. I had the Satisfaction of seeing him perfectly well before I left *Paris*.

REFLECTION.

It appears strange, no doubt, that Disorders carried off above forty Years before, should, after so long a space of time, be productive of such dreadful Effects; but I believe we are mistaken in imagining that those Disorders were ever totally carried off; there remain'd from the first some defect in the Parts, which, on account of its slightness, might easily be overlooked. Few Men would be alarm'd, if the Stream of their Urine was one third less than natural; few would be even sensible of it; and those that were, would impute it to a thousand other Causes sooner than to the real one. Thus the Illness gets ground unregarded, and no Assistance is sought after till Pain awakens the Attention, and the primary Cause is forgot.

How a Remedy simply introduced into the *Urethra* is capable of extending its Efficacy so far as to cure Abscesses and Fistulas out of its reach, is very reconcileable to Reason, when we consider, that these Abscesses and Fistulas were first form'd, and afterwards continued and increased by the Urine's continually escaping out of the *Urethra*, and by its Sharpness corroding the Parts in all Directions; but when the Defects of the *Urethra* are once corrected, and its Leakings (if I may be allow'd the Expression) have once ceas'd, the kind balm that is constantly

stantly supply'd by Nature, requires but little Assistance to repair the Havock that was made.

C A S E 4.

Mr. Lieutenant-Colonel, aged fifty-one, since the Age of twenty, has, to the best of his remembrance, been afflicted with ten or twelve different Gonorrhœas. Their Cure was always finished with Injections to carry off the remaining Gleet; which used to stop indeed, but every now-and-then appeared and disappeared again of itself. For the last twenty Years he has always made Water in a double Stream, and voided with it a great quantity of slimy Matter. Two Years ago his Complaints grew worse, making Water only drop by drop, and with such violent Straining as to occasion a discharge of Blood: He soon after was seized with a very high Fever, attended with Pains all over his Body, but more especially in his Head and Loins. He remained five Days in this Condition, and was relieved out of it by the discharge of a deep red Urine loaded with a great quantity of Matter and Slime. He was afterwards seized with the same Disorder every 2d or 3d Month; then every sixth Week; and, at last, it used to attack him regularly every Fortnight, terminating always by a critical discharge of Matter and Slime by the *Penis*. He then had recourse to Mr. *Daran's* Medicines, which, by bringing to Suppuration the several Disorders of his *Urethra*, prevented a Return of these periodical Attacks, and in somewhat more than two Months restored the *Urethra* to its natural State.

R E F L E C T I O N.

Periodical Fevers are no very uncommon Attendants on Disorders of the *Uretbra* : The Matter that is furnished by the Ulcers being often lock'd in, and prevented from discharging itself, by the Callosities that generally beset the Parts, is imbib'd by the capillary Veins, and carried back with the reflux Blood into the habit of Body ; and when the Blood has receiv'd such a Supply of this heterogeneous fluid, a Commotion, that is, a Fever, is rais'd, and the Blood purges itself by a critical Discharge ; but as it continues to be supplied with this noxious Matter, when a sufficient quantity of it is accumulated, the Fever is again rais'd, whence it becomes periodical, and the Space between the Paroxysms vary according as the Blood is supplied faster or slower with it. The turbid fetid Urine, which is no unfrequent Symptom of this Disorder, may also contribute to it, part of it being imbib'd by the absorbent Vessels of the Bladder, and mix'd with the circulating Fluids.

C A S E 5.

A young Fellow, about twenty-four, contracted a very severe Gonorrhœa about the middle of *November* 1748. The Discharge was very sharp, and ting'd with Blood ; and he had a constant heat and smarting in the Passage, from the entrance of it to the beginning of the Scrotum. Besides the usual Medicines, he was thrice vomited with Turbith Mineral. The violence of the Symptoms gave way at last, and by the beginning of *March* the Discharge was intirely stopt, there appearing only a drop

drop or two after much Exercise : But now the Heat and Smarting, which were indeed abated, but had never quite left him, began to increase considerably ; mercurial Purges, Camphire, cooling Decoctions, and Emulsions, were tried to no Purpose ; the Heat and Smarting kept growing worse, so that he could not stand upright, walk for any time, or sit with his Thighs close together, without the greatest Pain : In sitting down, he was obliged to shift from one Thigh to another, not being able to remain long in one Posture, or to have a support for his Feet with his Legs asunder. He was quite easy upon first going to Bed ; but upon growing warm his Pain return'd, and he was forced to move to another part of the Bed, that was cool ; which afforded him a short Relief, till he again grew warm. In *May* he took to drinking, upon which the Heat and Pain which only affected the *Urethra* from its Entrance to the Scrotum, extended themselves to the Neck of the Bladder, where they caused the chief Uneasiness, being continually troubled with a painful Stiffness and drawing in of the *Anus*, as he expresses himself ; he felt a great pain in going to stool ; the Emission of the Semen was attended with violent Smarting ; his Urine was foul, and he had frequent Provocations to making Water. He applied to me about the middle of *August*. I searched him, and found no obstruction of any sort in the *Urethra* ; he made Water with a full Stream, and had no sort of Running. The Use of the Sounds procured a plentiful Discharge of Matter from about the middle of the *Urethra*, and that part of it that lies next to the Neck of the Bladder ; the Symptoms vanished by degrees, and by the latter end of *October* he was perfectly well.

R E F L E C T I O N.

The Singularity of this Case engaged me to give it to the Public: It is a hard Task to assign, with any certainty, the Cause of the foregoing Symptoms; but the means which carried them off, may help us to form some sort of Judgment about them: Two different Parts of the *Urethra* yielded a plentiful Suppuration; these Parts, then, must have been the Seat of the Disorder, which Disorder consisted neither in Excrescences of any sort, nor in Ulcers; for the first must have been perceived by searching, and by the Alteration of the Stream of the Urine; the other by the discharge of Matter: I would then suppose the small Glands of those Parts of the *Urethra* to have retained in them some of the venereal Virus; which being intangled in their very Substance, might occasion in them a hot and smarting Pain, much in the same manner as it happens in those Glands which are prey'd upon by the cancerous Poison, while they still go under the denomination of occult Cancers; which Heat and Smarting might easily affect the whole *Urethra*, on account of the multiplicity of Nerves with which this Part is endued.

In endeavouring to account for the before-mentioned Symptoms, I would be understood as offering my Conjectures only, not my settled Opinion.

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