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is  
Respectfully inscribed  
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# Dysphagia

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Gentlemen

As it is customary for a second course student or in other words a candidate for graduation to write what is termed a Thesis I now proceed with my subject.

The subject which I have chosen is a very difficult one indeed. Though I will endeavor to do my duty towards it.

The main object in thesis writing is first to ascertain if the student writes good English in the next if he uses good orthography and thirdly if he knows any thing about the subject he is writing upon. I do not pretend to say that I know every thing about the subject which I design writing upon. I

know that there are plenty of men

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who could learn me a great deal about  
this disease: I know I think enough  
about it to write a short Thesis.

My subject is that of *Prothritia*  
or *Gonorrhoea*, a very common  
disease throughout the whole world  
go any where you will you will find  
*Gonorrhoea*. As for the origin of  
this disease there is but little known  
I have never read any author on this -  
disease who said much about its origin  
though it was thought for a long time  
in former days that *Lues Venerea* or  
*Syphilis* originated from *Gonorrhoea*  
It is in truth brought on in the same  
way and received by the same orga-  
ns. I believe that John Hunter

has pointed out the difference between  
 Gonorrhoea and Syphilis more  
 distinctly than any other writer  
 on the subject. There is a very great diff  
 between the two diseases. Gonorrhoea  
 is a discharge from the mucos mem  
 brane of the Urethra or Vagina and  
 syphilis is a chancreous sore. That  
 it is a different disease from syphilis  
 is clear to every one from the following  
 facts: Its appearance did not commence  
 for more than a hundred years after  
 syphilis. It will continue for mon  
 ths with out any syphilitic symptoms  
 which are never met with in Gonorr  
 hoea. The matter of chancre the  
 pathognomic symptom of syphilis

when Introduced into the Urethra has been found not to produce Gonorrhoea and the matter of Clap inserted under the skin has been found not to produce Syphilis. The common course of Mercury which is the only specific cure for Syphilis. Is very seldom if ever used in curing Gonorrhoea.

Dr Bell. says that It was thought that Lues venerea originated from Urethritis or Gonorrhoea by improper Treatment. what ever puts a sudden stop to a severe or copious discharge from the urethra is supposed by many to do harm hence all who condemn the use of injections in Gonorrhoea affirm that they

often covert a simple <sup>clap</sup> into Pocks  
by Throwing into The blood ~~that~~ what  
otherwise would have been carried off.

This however is by no means supported  
by experience: a stimulating Injecti  
on Thrown into The urethra will no  
doubt produce much pain and In  
flammation; and This will in some  
Instances produce swelled testes and  
perhaps sympathetic swelling of  
The glands in the groin. But I have  
not known a single case of Syph  
ilis Induced in This manner. and  
as I have long been in the daily  
use of Injections many cases of It  
must have occurred if The Idea I  
have just stated be well founded.<sup>ce</sup>

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Bill of Late Idiot patient who was so  
unfortunate as to have a Clap suddenly  
stoped on him was certainly conside  
red as focked that he was Imme  
diately put under a very complete  
course of Mercury By which he was  
made to undergo a very unnecessary  
and distrefful confinement.

He also states that he was once called  
to see a patient who was ~~Labouring~~  
under Gonorrhoea attended with  
much pain and Inflammation  
and who had been so foolish as  
to live freely and ride much on  
Horse Back. This with the ungar  
arded use of a very stimulating  
Injection put a sudden stop to



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The discharge: and at the same time  
excited a good deal of pain and  
Inflammation along the Poste-  
rior part of the urethra towards the  
prostate gland and neck of the  
Bladder attended with a pain-  
ful and frequent desire to urinate  
on the Idea of these <sup>being</sup> symptoms  
of Syphilis the patient was im-  
mediately put under a course  
of Mercury: and when I first  
saw him he had been on the use  
of it for six weeks. The surgeon  
in attendance acknowledged  
that no good had been derived  
from it. and the patient him-  
self said that his suffering were  
daily increasing. The Mercury

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was immediately thrown aside and by  
gre Leeching the perineum and warm  
pomentations. and plasters to allay the  
pain. The Inflammation in a  
short time subsided without any  
symptoms of Syphilis. This I think  
shows that there is a very great dif-  
ference between Gonorrhoea and  
Syphilis: Gonorrhoea will often  
terminate favourably without any  
Medicines at all by keeping the  
parts well cleaned and by mod-  
erate living the disease by this  
alone will become much mil-  
der till at last disappear en-  
tirely. This is not the case in  
Syphilis even the mildest symp-  
toms become worse and worse.

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daily unless Mercury be applyed:  
no man ought to trust the  
cure of the slightest chancre  
to any other remedy than this.  
an other proof that Gonorrhoea  
and Syphilis are different diseases,  
medicines that are beneficial  
in one are of a disadvantage in  
the other: medicines which are used  
in the cure of Gonorrhoea have no  
effect in cure of Syphilis: and on  
the other hand medicines which are  
used in curing Syphilis are but very  
little used in the cure of Gonorrhoea  
upon this method alone of the Treu-  
ment of the two diseases we can  
clearly see that they are different dis-  
eases: different in their nature and

and proceed from different contagions  
 were they of the same nature and proceed  
 ed from the same causes we should of  
 course treat them with the same —  
 remedies. every man that has ever  
 read any thing about the two  
 diseases knows that mercury is the  
 best remedy used in Syphilis and  
 on the other hand is very seldom  
 if ever used in the cure of Gonorrhoea.  
 Gentlemen I have shown  
 or pointed out the difference between  
 Gonorrhoea and Syphilis as dis-  
 tinctly as I can. I now proceed  
 to its symptoms diagnosis and  
 treatment. Gonorrhoea derived from  
 the Greek word (Gone Red) gone the  
 sperm and red I flow, this disease

Is characterized by a mucous discharge from the urethra of man and vagina of a woman and sometimes from the urethra of a woman. Intermixed with with specific matter and accompanied with burning pain on micturition. It is brought on by a simalar discharge during sexual connection It is entirely a different disease from Syphilis and never produces It. Some writers say that there are three different stages of Gonorrhoea: and others say that there are more. but I think there is but three. Symptoms of the first stage  
 In the first stage of this disease the patient merely notices an itching at the mouth of the urethra The lips of

The urethra are of a bright red color  
 There is very little or no pain in urinating  
 in the first stage of this disease: if it  
 is not arrested immediately it passes into  
 the acute or Inflammatory stage which  
 is the second stage of this disease  
 The discharge from the urethra in  
 the first stage is of a thin whitish  
 color. Symptoms of the second acute  
 or Inflammatory stage. In the second  
 stage of this disease the discharge be-  
 comes thick and purulent: and when  
 the disease is at its worst the disch-  
 arge is of a greenish color tinged with  
 blood. The Penis swells the glands is of  
 a deep red color: and the stream of  
 water is small and forked owing to  
 the Inflammatory state of the

wrethra: all the parts near the geni-  
tals become tender: The Thighs Perine-  
um groines and Testicles become tender  
and as he the Patients Is very often  
disturbed with what Is termed Chordee  
It Is painful erections of the Penis  
happens more frequently when the  
Patient is warm in Bed of a  
night. Dr Drucil says that there are  
two kinds of Chordee The Inflam-  
matory and spasmodic. The Infl-  
ammatory Chordee arises from  
the deposit of Lymph in the corpus  
spongiosum of the wrethra: which  
glues together the cells and prevents  
their distention: so that when the  
Penis is Turged with Blood It Is  
at one part and very painful.

The spasmodic Chorde comes and  
 goes sometimes there may be an  
 erection with out much pain<sup>ce</sup>  
 In the worse stages of this disease  
 or when the disease is at its worse  
 there is frequently nausea and  
 vomiting indicating much irritation  
 of the kidneys: a tenderness across the  
 Abdomen weeking across the loines  
 The neck of the Bladder becomes  
 irritated there is frequent Inclination  
 to urinate also a contraction of  
 The accelerator and other and other  
 muscles during micturition so  
 as sometimes to cause a complete  
 retention. Thirst for water is another  
 symptom in this disease. And there are  
 other symptoms too numerous



to mention. In the third stage of this disease the Inflammatory symptoms and Chordee abate. and there is left a mucous discharge called Gleet

varieties of Gonorrhoea.  Gonorrhoea is much more severe in first cases than ever afterwards: particularly if the Patient be of a weak and delicate constitution. But after repeated attacks the urethra becomes insensate to the disease and each attack is attended with fewer of the acute symptoms.

Diagnosis. The question next arises whether there is any means of distinguishing simple — Gonorrhoea from venereal. Gonorrhoea. There is but very little —

difference between The simple and venereal. The disease is the same as regards the urethra The same in its symptoms and requires the same Treatment. But The best diagnostic sign for distinguishing simple Gonorrhoea from Venereal — Gonorrhoea. Is that in simple Gonorrhoea there is but very little Inflammation compared to that of venereal Gonorrhoea.

Treatment: In the first stage of this disease I would use (Reed's) Prescription Inject the Patient with a weak solution of Nitrate of silver Two grains to eight ounces of Distilled water once in

every four hours. repeated for twelve  
 times. assisting sooner if the disch-  
 arge becomes thin and bloody which  
 is the effect of the Nitrate. Then  
 Inject the urethra with a weak  
 solution of Sulphate of Zinc and  
 Sugar of Lead until the discharge  
 ceases. and at the same time—  
 Gentle purgatives should be given  
 followed by a dose of copalia and  
 cubeb. The Patient should avoid all  
 kinds of Liguors and stimulants  
 of all kinds: and take but very  
 little exercise. The Patient should  
 continue this mode of living for—  
 several days after the discharge has  
 stoped. Prof P & Eves Treatment  
 Is a stronger solution of Nitrate

of silver thrown up the urethra  
 once in ~~three~~ days. followed by  
 diuretics and mild injections.

Treatment of the acute Inflamm-  
 matory stage which is the second  
 stage. If the Inflammation was  
 was very high I would in the first  
 place Leach the Perineum & say  
 the testicles should be suppor-  
 ted by a suspensory Bandage to  
 prevent hernia humoralis or  
 orchitis The bandage should be  
 kept wet constantly with cold  
 Lotion. The Glands Penis should  
 be bathed at least three times  
 a day in cold water in order that  
 Balanitis may not occur. —

The diet should be very light Stimulating drinks of all kinds should be avoided Liqueurs especially. He should take little or no exercise and make use of Flax seed tea or Rucula tea. or Gum water and other mucilaginous drinks. but It is by far better not to increase the flow of urine or cause the Patient to Micturate often for the act of Micturition is accompanied with much pain and suffering. proceed with this mode of Treatment until the Inflammation has abated to a great degree Then let the Patient Subject with a weak solution of Sulphate of Zinc and Sugar of Lead until the

The discharge has stopped: or It would be better for the Patient to continue this injection for several days after the discharge has stopped. Mind and keep the Bowels well open all of the Time.

Treatment of the third stage of this disease or Gleet. Take Fine Ferri Muri. Fine cantharis. aa ~~one~~ ounce. Take twenty drop in one third of a glass of water three times a day until strangury is produced, then desist. and recommence after strangury has disappeared. Use at the same time a solution of Lactate of Zinc one grain to an ounce of water as an Injection three times a day.

until the discharge has stoped  
Mind and keep the bowels well  
open all of the time

Gentlemen adieu until I meet  
you in the Green Room. with  
great respect I am yours most  
faithfully  
Wm E Deming