

A stone of a moderate size, and a somewhat roundish form, was extracted. The resistance offered by the patient, and the difficulty experienced in keeping his pelvis steady, were considerable. He was then put to bed, and has not since had a single bad symptom, being at present walking about the ward. He passes all his urine per urethra. The stone on being analyzed was found to consist, the central portion of nitrate of ammonia, and the external covering of fusible calculus.

**STRANGULATED FEMORAL HERNIA.**—Feb. 10. Elizabeth R., ætat 66, a flabby and rather corpulent woman, was brought into Guy's Hospital, this day, at half past one, with symptoms of strangulated hernia. She stated that she had never been subject to hernia previous to Thursday, the 6th inst., when she first perceived a swelling in her left groin, which had never retreated, but increased in pain and tenderness up to the time of her admission. Mr. COOPER having failed to reduce the hernia by the taxis, proceeded, at two o'clock, to operate. The operation proved to be one of more than common difficulty, in consequence of a large deposit of fat between the fascia superficialis and the fascia propria, and also between the fascia propria and the sac. Another slight impediment arose, from Mr. COOPER having passed the director over\* a band of the fascia propria, which thereby escaped the edge of the knife. This band was then divided, and the intestine returned, but not in a very favourable condition.

Feb. 11. The patient's bowels were relieved once during the night, but she has had no motion since the enemata were exhibited. She has vomited several times, and her present state, combined with her previous habits of life, which have been far from regular, render the prognosis in her case any thing but favourable.

**LITHOTOMY.**—Feb. 11. William Parker, a florid, healthy-looking boy, ætat. five years and a half, was this day brought up for operation. Some little time elapsed before the stone was distinctly felt. The operation was performed by Mr. B. COOPER. It was a beautifully smooth, distinct, rapid, yet gentle operation, and a small round calculus was extracted, composed of oxalate of lime, coated with the ammoniaco-magnesian phosphate. During the operation a prolapsus ani, to some extent, took place.

12. The boy is going on very well; no hemorrhage has ensued, much urine coming by the wound, altogether affording promise of a speedy and perfect cure.

\* The director was passed through the fascia and over a small band of it.

#### TREATMENT OF TINEA CAPITIS WITH TAN-WATER.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Will you have the kindness to spare me a few lines in your valuable columns, to lay before the profession a mode of treating *tinea capitis*, which I have found to be more successful than any that I have seen tried. It is that of simply bathing the affected parts every two hours during the day, with the strongest *tan-water* which can be procured, and continuing this treatment for at least a month. Although this local application has answered the purpose without any constitutional treatment, I by no means wish to recommend it to the exclusion of internal alterative remedies, and sound diet; both of which will manifestly act as powerful auxiliaries in promoting the cure of the local ailment. The therapeutic principle in the *tan-water* is probably a gallate of lime, although, from the numerous ingredients presented by the analysis of the fluid, the sanative effect may be attributed to some of the other substances held in solution.—I have the honour to be, Your very obedient servant.

CHARLES LOUDON, M.D.  
Leamington Spa, 9th Feb. 1835.

#### CORRESPONDENTS.

The student of the Webb-street School who last week complained to us of imperfection in the chemical diagrams of Mr. Everitt, appears to have stood alone in his opinion of those illustrations; for a document has been transmitted to us, signed by 114 of the pupils of that gentlemen, in which "the unequivocal dissent" of the subscribers from the statement of the student is expressed, at the same time offering the unanimous testimony of those pupils to the indefatigable zeal with which Mr. Everitt acts in fulfilling the duties of a lecturer in the school.

*B. C.*—We shall not be able to find room for the phrenological article.

*A Guy's Student.*—The complaint has repeatedly been made, and is sure of a remedy before long. The simple iteration of the charge will effect no good at this moment.

The communications of Mr. Buller, Mr. West, Mr. Britain, Mr. Horne, Dr. Clanny, An Irish Medical Student, R. B., and Dr. Robinson, have been received. We are obliged to Mr. Hemming for the ticket and cards. *Veritas* shall appear.