CLINICAL CASE

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76. Mrs. J., aet about 70 years, had been troubled for two weeks previous to my prescription with painful inclination to pass urine. Was obliged to pass urine every few minutes, with burning, smarting, during the passage of a few drops, with chills over the whole body, extending to the finger's ends. Better at night or when lying down ; worse in the day or when sitting up; discharge of urine every time she coughs ; she has had several similar attacks, but never so severe as at this time. Gave Caust. 6M. Next day better ; Sac. Lac. 2 powders two days latter still better, nearly well ; gave another dose of Caust. 6000, trouble entirely removed. Under the proving of Caust. are found the following symptoms, *Viz* : Frequent and painful desire to urinate, with emission of a few drops at a time ; frequent pressing desire to urinate, followed by chills ; involuntary emission of urine when coughing ; burning in urethra when urinating : better when lying.

I had prescribed remedies previously, such as, Althea 1., Puls. 30, Cop, 3, and Canth. 30, before seeing her at all ; afterwards, when seeing and examining the case, her symptoms were more fully and accurately ascertained, and the symptoms "frequent pressing desire to urinate, followed by chills," and "involuntary emission of urine when coughing." pointed directly as characteristic symptoms to Causticum.

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