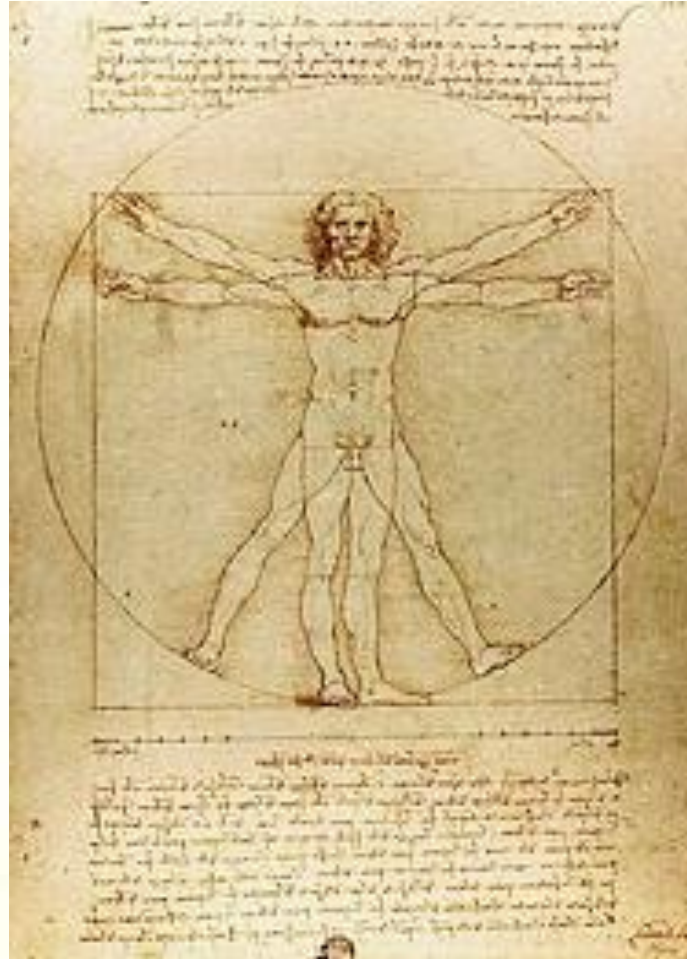


The Rise and Downfall of Acupuncture Pre Richard Nixon



How Acupuncture was Lost in the West

Over the years I have read dozens of books and articles on the early uses of acupuncture in the West. The failure of acupuncture to catch on was ill-fated from the start. The following are my beliefs on why acupuncture failed to gain popularity in western cultures Pre President-Nixon. First acupuncture was forbidden in the Imperial Medical Institute in China.

In the 1820's American physicians experimented with acupuncture to resuscitating drowning victims. If it sounds too good to be true, then it most likely is. Acupuncture is a medical procedure not magic or a miracle cure to bring back the dead

If bring back the dead didn't work maybe acupuncture could cure self-pollution. Some physicians In the 1820's promoted acupuncture (electro-acupuncture) as a cure for masturbation (self-pollution). Did all these improper practices influenced acupuncture use in western cultures? The discovery of ether (diethyl ether) for the use as an anesthetic was first used in 1846. This marked the birth of modern-day anesthesiology. With the invention of ether acupuncture days were number in the west. I will go into some of these details in the up coming slides.



The Daoguang Emperor

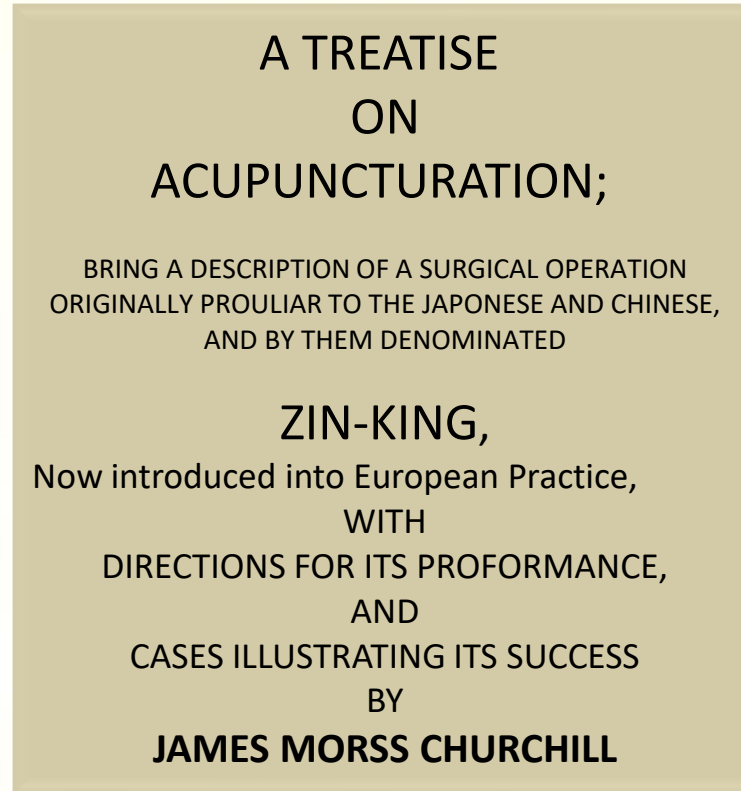
Reign

3 October 1820 – 26 February 1850

The Qing Dynasty

In 1822, Emperor Daoguang signed a decree that forbade the teaching of acupuncture in the Imperial Medical Institute. By 1822 the acupuncture points, channels and practices in use at the time were very different from those described in the ancient texts. Acupuncture wasn't fully banned in China as healers in the countryside still used acupuncture to help their patients.

It Would be Impossible...They said of Acupuncturation



In 1822, the American Medical Recorder published a review of Churchill's Treatise on Acupuncturation, in the nearly six pages of Churchill's work verbatim, the authors of the review said that "it would be impossible to find any thing in medicine more inexplicable" than the effects attributed to acupuncture, on the grounds that there did not seem to be any rational explanation for how it worked.

Article XVII. A Treatise on Acupuncturation. Amer Med Rec. 1822;5(2):331 -338.

Edward J. Coxe, D. T. Coxe and Samuel Jackson experiment with using acupuncture to bring drowning

Acupuncture also played a role in one of early 19th century's more gruesome medical experiments. After reading several reports from European physicians on methods of resuscitating drowning victims, including an Italian doctor named Carraro, who claimed that acupuncture.

Edward Coxe summed up the experiment as a complete failure; he declared the idea of resuscitating drowning victims via acupuncture "good for nothing" and a waste of time that could be spent trying other ways of bringing people back to life

Coxe EJ . Observations on asphyxia from drowning, to which is added a case of resuscitation N Am Med Surg J. 1826;2(4):276-296.

Acupuncture As A Cure For Masturbation?

TREATISE ON THE DISEASE
PRODUCED BY
ONANISM, MASTURBATION,
SELF-POLLUTION,
AND OTHER EXCESSES
BY
L. DESLANDES, M.D.,
MEMBER OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE AT PARIS,
AND OTHER LEARNED SOCIETIES.
TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH,
WITH MANY ADDITIONS.
SECOND EDITION.
BOSTON:
OTIS, BROADERS, AND COMPANY.
1839

The title says it all

Léopold Deslandes M. D.



1797 - 1852

Léopold Deslandes M. D. was a renowned French physician. He was a member of the Royal Academy of medicine at Paris. Deslandes belonged to other learned societies as well. In 1839 Dr. Deslandes published A treatise on the diseases produced by onanism, masturbation, self-pollution, and other excesses published in 1839. Then in 1842 he publishes Manhood : the causes of its premature decline, with directions for its perfect restoration : addressed to those suffering from the destructive effects of excessive indulgence, solitary habits, &c. &c. &c.

Dr. Claude François Lallemand

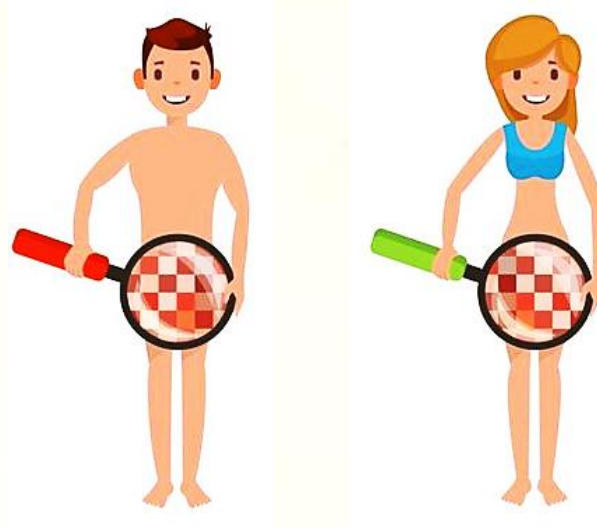


1790 - 1854

Claude François Lallemand was a French physician who studied medicine at Hotel Dieu in Paris under Dr. Guillaume Dupuytren (was known for treating Napoleon Bonaparte's hemorrhoids and for his description of Dupuytren's contracture which is named after him). From 1819 to 1845 he was a Professor of Clinical Surgery at Montpellier, except for three years, during which he was suspended for his liberal political expressions. Lallemand was a renowned authority on Spermatorrhea. Spermatorrhea is a condition of excessive, involuntary ejaculation. It is a recognized disorder in traditional Chinese medicine, in which certain patterns of involuntary ejaculation reflect problems with kidney qi

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spermatorrhea>

What is Self Pollution?



Definition of Self Pollution

Is the unnatural Practice, by which Persons of either Sex, may defile their own Bodies, without the Assistance of others, whilst yielding to filthy Imaginations, they endeavour to imitate and procure to themselves that Sensation, which God has order'd to attend the carnal Commerce of the two Sexes, for the continuance of our Species.

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Léopold Deslandes, M.D.

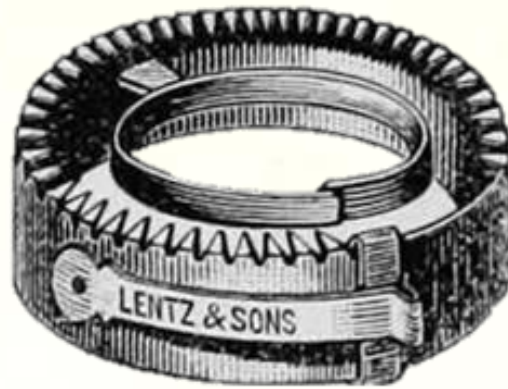


Is Fornication Really A Sin?

On page 236 in his book titled Treatise On The Disease Produced By Onanism, Masturbation, Self-Pollution, And Other Excesses, Deslandes writes the following. “Lallemand entertains the same opinion and has also employed acupuncture and he says with success. He has known patients who after the application of needles between the posterior parts of the bursae and the anus, have passed three or four months without pollutions”.

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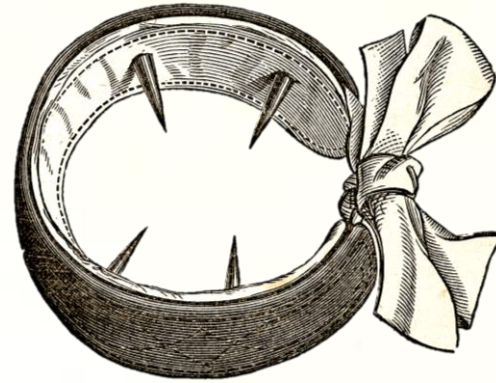
Dr. Claude François Lallemand in his Own Words



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Of the Mode of Repairing the Injuries Arising From Venereal Excesses

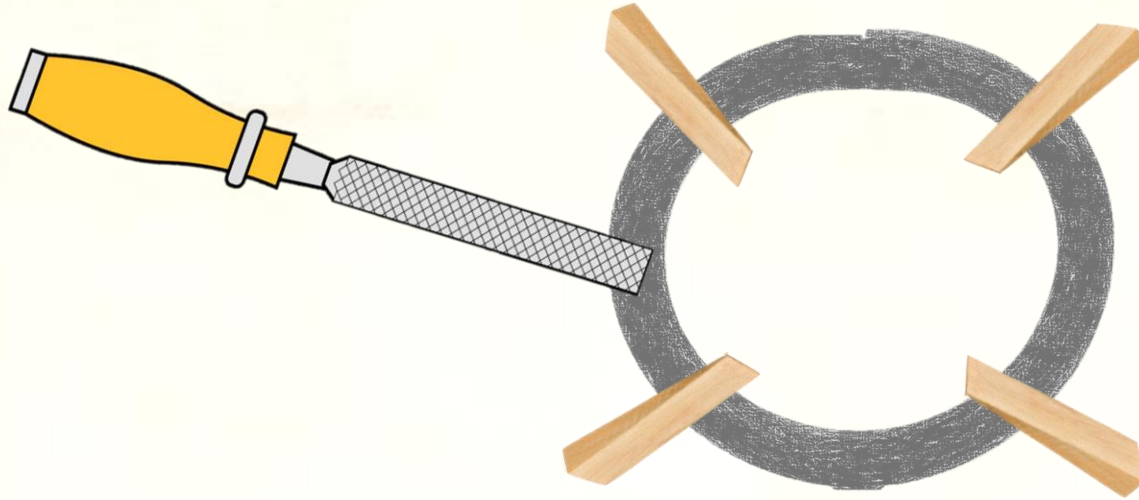


The most efficient way to arrest the evil caused by these abuses, is to stop them. Thus, *involuntary pollutions* keep up and increase a degree of exhaustion and other complaints which would otherwise disappear. In this case the treatment to be followed is to arrest the pollutions.

One of the most constant effects of excessive masturbation is the loss of flesh.

Davila relates a case of a young man who was cured of a diurnal pollution by introducing into the urethra a sound, which was retained there for as long as the patient could bear it

The Locksmith Who Liberated A Penis



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What the Author Said About Masturbation

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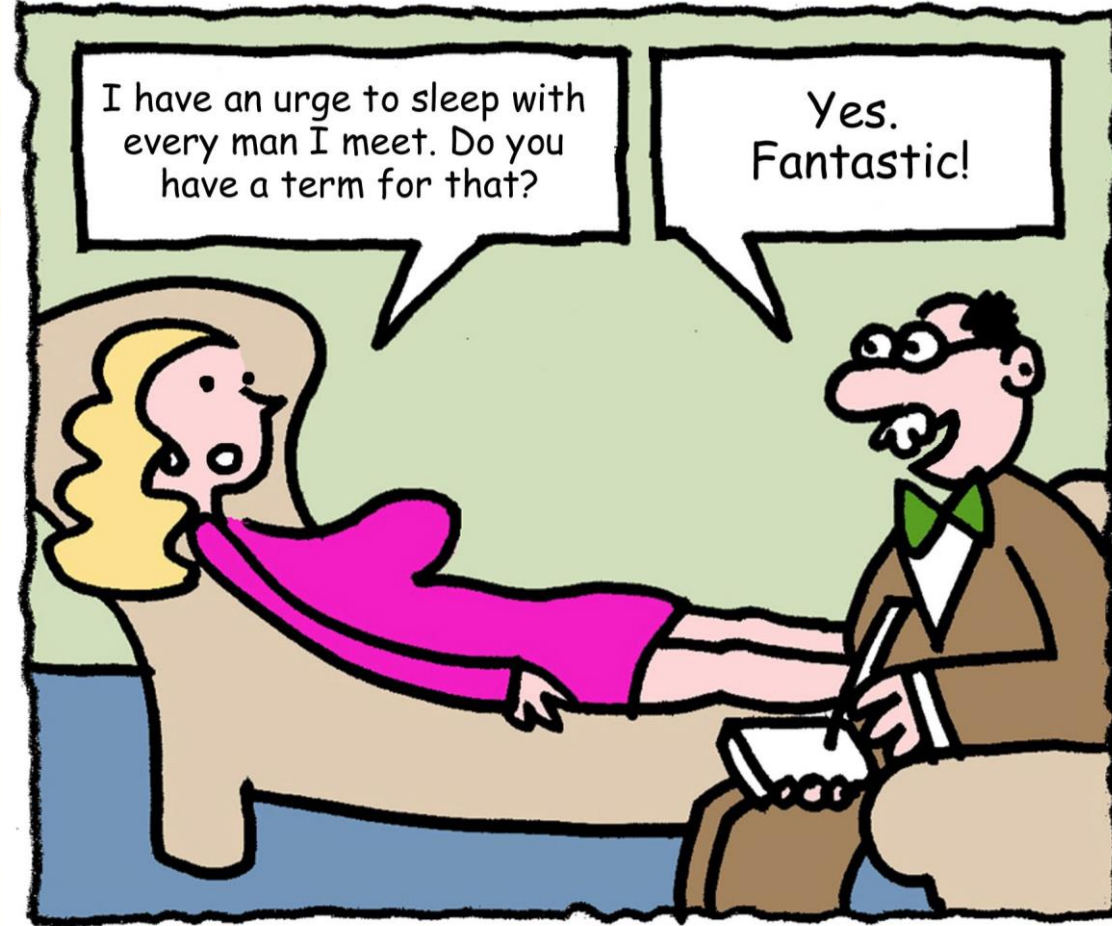
Urethra Sounding Therapy



Davila in his thesis relates instances cured in this mode. In case a young man was cured of a diurnal pollution by introducing into the urethra a sound. The sound was retained in the patient's urethra until they could no longer bear it

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A Treatment for Nymphomania



A female, addicted at an early age to the pleasures of venery, finally indulged in prostitution; she was also addicted to onanism, and at last became affected with nymphomania. Ashamed of her situation, she submitted to cauterization of the clitoris, but without any good result.