

opening it a small dark object was seen appearing just above the orbit. It proved to be half of the bullet, which, when the wound was inflicted, must have been split on the bone, one half flying off, and the other half lodging within the orbit. The man lost the sight of his eye from the moment he was wounded, though there was no apparent injury to the organ; but, strange to say, the half bullet lying under the eyeball never gave him the least inconvenience.

In the Soudan War a private had a bullet pass through the frontal bone of his head and lodge in the brain. He was quite sensible, and felt no pain, he said, the only inconvenience was an occasional giddiness. He was sent home, and is still alive.

Dr. O'Callaghan speaks also of an officer who got the breach of a fowling-piece, three ounces in weight, lodged in his forehead. It actually supported the right hemisphere of the brain for at least seven years.

Many a man is going about now with a bullet in his chest or leg, received in some action. As a rule, however, this kind of thing tells sooner or later. A

native servant of an officer in India lived for nearly two years with a bullet in his forehead. It was wedged into the bone, the skin healed over it, and the man went about his duty, feeling no inconvenience whatever. He fell down suddenly and died one day, and the bullet was found to be pressing right on the brain.

Another very curious thing, arising out of the excitement of the mind at the time, is that men are often wounded without knowing it, or for the moment without feeling any pain. We have in proof of this the case of the soldier whose limbs were carried off by a cannon ball, and who was not aware of the injury he had received until he tried to rise. In another case a soldier advancing at a run, received a bullet in his mouth, which was open. The ball passed between the skin and the muscle which is attached to the angle of the jaw-bone, but the man was quite ignorant of the wound, and was astonished to find himself spitting blood, and to feel his jaw becoming stiff. The bullet was subsequently removed from beneath the skin at the back of the neck.



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