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Case of gun-shot wound of the abdomen, with visceral injury—Passage of 18 shot, including one buckshot, per anum—Recovery. By E. D. Worthington, M. D., Sherbrooke, P.Q.

I am induced to report this case as a remarkable instance of recovery from what was regarded, at first, as a mortal injury; involving, in my opinion, perforation of the stomach; unattended with marked inflammatory symptoms or constitutional disturbance.

Archibald McConechy, aged 21, a school-master, of temperate habits and good constitution, 5 feet 9 inches in height and weighing 135 lbs., ate a hearty breakfast about 9 o'clock on the morning of the 30th October; and, it being a school holiday, he, with four young lads, went out shooting in the woods near Sherbrooke.

The party left the town about 10-o'clock. and after a walk of a mile or so, went into the woods. After rambling about a short time, and shooting an unfortunate squirrel, and some small birds, they arrived at a point exactly 350 yards from the edge of the clearing, where stood a large spruce tree, which presented a most tempting display of gum. But alas, this gum, like many other of this world's treasures, was not easily accessible. One of the boys "went for" the old gum tree and failed. The master then attempted the difficult feat, and this is the way he did it. He placed the butt of his gun on the ground, the hammer being down on the cap, and rested the barrel on a low scrub beech that grew close to the foot of the spruce

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