

date I removed the splints and found the dressings and hand in a very dirty condition. So far as the bone was concerned, I found union good and with no deformity. After bathing the hand in tepid water I discovered an indurated patch of skin over the seat of bruise, which was showing signs of separation from the healthy tissue. I considered it the remains of the bruised tissue which nature had not been able to take care of. It was superficial. Before going I dressed the hand antiseptically.

Three days after, on October 7th, I again called, and on examining the hand found signs of separation more marked. Again dressed it as on previous day, giving instructions to have the boy brought to my office the next day to have his hand dressed.

He did not come as directed, and I afterwards concluded that his hand was all right. On Nov. 14 Mrs. A——, who was about to be confined, called to consult me regarding her condition. On leaving my office she mentioned that the sore on the boy's hand had not healed yet. I reminded her of my instructions to bring the boy to my office to have the hand dressed, and told her to have the boy brought to my office at once.

On Nov. 16 Mrs. A—— brought the boy, and on removing a dirty rag, which served as a bandage, I found a deep sloughing sore the size of a twenty-five cent piece. The indurated patch of skin referred to before was still hanging to the surface of the sore by some fibrous shreds.

The wound had become infected with pus-germs, which had burrowed deeply. The thumb was held in an adducted and semi-flexed position in order to relieve any tension on the ulcerating surface.

On inquiring why the boy had not been brought to me as I had directed, Mrs. A—— replied that "she thought that the hand would have healed all right." She said she had tried everything on it, to heal it. Spoke of some salve she had obtained from a neighbour woman, the healing properties of which were unsurpassed and concluded by saying that "she didn't know what kind of a young one he was for if he got the slightest scratch it seemed never to heal."

On this occasion I got the sore cleaned up as well as pos-