

found to be riding to the extent of an inch and a half, the lower fragment passing upwards and backwards behind the upper one. Very strong extension was required to restore the thigh to its natural length and shape.

As it was not considered safe to use the necessary amount of force for resetting the limb so soon after the operation on the opposite thigh, it was allowed to remain as it was for a week, at the end of which time, the stump having progressed favourably, and the patient's strength beginning to increase, the pulleys were applied to the limb, and steady extension made until the broken ends were brought into accurate apposition.

The patient being, of course, under the influence of chloroform, the broken ends of the bone were then rubbed rudely against each other for the purpose of exciting a sufficient degree of action to secure permanent union of the fracture. Broad strips of adhesive plaster were next passed round the thigh, beginning at the seat of the fracture, and being drawn so firmly as to make it absolutely impossible for the ends of the bone to slip past each other. Strips of leather spread with soap plaster were placed firmly over these, and strong pasteboard splints then applied, the whole being encircled with bandages from the toes upwards. Desault's long splint was applied to the outside of the limb.

Care being taken to keep everything firm, the dressings were allowed to remain for five weeks, when the long splint was removed, the other dressings being allowed to remain a week longer. When the thigh was again bared, six weeks after the resetting, it was found perfectly straight, and quite firm, the patient being able to rotate it freely without pain. He was not permitted, however, to attempt to stand upon it for some time, and in order to give it support, temporary splints were applied and removed daily for the purpose of using frictions and the cold douche, together with passive motion to the knee, which was much stiffened from its long want of use.

There was nothing about the healing of the stump that deserves particular notice. The whole of the incision united by the first intention, leaving only a few small sinuses around the ligatures. A small abscess subsequently formed in the trajet made by the burrowing of the lower fragment, but a compress and bandage caused it to fill up in a few days. At the end of the seventh week the stump had entirely healed.

The right thigh continued to gain strength from day to day, and on the 14th of July he was discharged, being then able to bear the greater portion of his weight upon it, and at the present (21st August) he walks about lustily with the aid of crutches.