

A. Dr. Beaumont was an American army surgeon on the Canadian frontier about the year 1822.

Q. How did he look into a stomach?

A. He looked into the stomach of Alexis St. Martin through an opening in his side and stomach.

Q. What made this opening?

A. The accidental discharge of a gun.

Q. Was it a permanent opening?

A. It was.

Q. How long was it in healing?

A. It took two years to heal and get entirely well.

Q. If it was healed how could it have been permanently open?

A. The edges of the wound healed without coming together, and left an opening so that you could look right into St. Martin's stomach.

Q. How, then, were the contents of the stomach kept in?

A. By wearing a pad over the opening.

Q. Then by giving alcohol to St. Martin, and then looking into his stomach through this opening, you could see some of the effects that alcohol produced there?

A. Yes.

Q. Did Dr. Beaumont give St. Martin alcohol?

A. He introduced various kinds of alcoholic drinks into his stomach at different times.

Q. Did he examine its effects through the opening?