

# Hospital Reports.

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SURGICAL CASES OCCURRING IN THE PRACTICE OF THE MONTREAL  
GENERAL HOSPITAL, UNDER THE CARE OF G. E. FENWICK, M.D.

*Case 5—Wound of the Anterior Interosseous artery of the Right Arm, formation of a traumatic Aneurism, and subsequent ligature of the vessel at the point of injury. Reported by Mr. G. A. STARK.*

C. P., æt 40 years, a native of Canada, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital on the 25th September, 1871, under the care of Dr. Fenwick.

On examination it was found that his right arm and hand were tightly bandaged, and a compress of lint situated in the centre of the front of the fore arm, these on being removed showed the hand and fore-arm uniformly swelled from the tips of the fingers to the elbow. The swelling was hard and firm, no fluctuation was apparent, and the radial pulse could not be felt. Near the middle of the fore-arm, (palmar aspect) three inches above the wrist joint, there existed a transverse wound about an inch in length, the edges of the cut looked as if blocked up with lymph, and the surrounding parts were red and angry. On the posterior aspect at a point five inches above the wrist-joint, there was a small flattened elevation resembling a boil, from which there was a slight discharge of pus. Says he does not think that the knife which inflicted the wound transfixed his arm. The patient was confined to his bed, the arm bandaged, but not as tightly as before, the limb was suspended, ice-water applied, and a tourniquet was loosely applied over the brachial artery, with instructions to tighten it should bleeding set in.

HISTORY—He is by trade a butcher, and resides some few miles from the city of Montreal. It appears that on the morning of Tuesday, 12th September, while in the act of dividing a side of lamb at the back of his cart, his horse became restive and moved off, he ran the knife through the side of lamb and started to restrain his horse; on his return to complete his work, he did not notice that the point of the knife was directed towards him, at this moment the horse backed up and the knife came with some force against his arm and inflicted the wound referred to. Blood spurted out with considerable force and in jets, but it gradually slackened, and at the end of half an hour when the doctor of the village saw him, the hæmorrhage had ceased, but the man felt faint and weak. The wound was dressed, restoratives given, and absolute rest enjoined.