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VERY eminent medical authority has been assuring us recently that the term "wounded" will soon cease to have the fearful significance which it once possessed. To be shot through the lungs, it appears, involves but little risk with proper surgical handling, and other wounds of the limbs count for almost nothing so long as expanding bullets are not employed; while wounds of the abdomen, the liver, and even the head, are far from being necessarily fatal. The present war has been prolific in curious wounds which have failed either to kill or to permanently disable the wounded.

It is interesting to note instances in which bullets have in the past remained in vital parts of the body for a long tıme.

A soldier lived for two years and a half after receiving a shot in the chest, On his death it was found that the ball had actually traversed his body, wounding the lungs, kidneys, and other important organs, and had finally perforated the spine and lodged there. most as extraordinary was the course of another bullet which, moving with full velocity, entered a man's side, came in contact with a rib, was thereby deflected in its course, and ran round under the skin to the opposite side of

the body. This last instance of narrow escape occurred on a battlefield; and, indeed, the annals of war contain some very remarkable occurences of much the same nature. During the Indian Mutiny a man was struck by a bullet on the outer edge of the left orbit, or bony cavity of the eye. The bone was broken, and there was only a small wound about a quarter of an inch long on the skin, -so small that it was not thought possible that a bullet could have entered it. The wound healed, and for eight years afterwards the man did his duty. About this time, however, an abscess formed at the spot where he had been wounded, and on