

The fact that so considerable a portion of the shaft of the humerus was implicated was most unfavourable to the ultimate prospect of a useful arm, as a small cylinder of bone at the point where the humerus was divided had to become united with the broad surfaces, resulting from a section of the olecranon, and also with the head of radius, the latter intact.

M. J. Bell, in a recent manual on operations of surgery, page 103, classes among cases requiring Excision of Elbow Joint, "those with wounds of elbow penetrating joint, especially when the wound of the joint is small and punctured." He further states "that in excision of the elbow joint, more than in any other joint, complete excision is absolutely necessary, any portions of the articular surfaces being left prove a source of unfavourable result." He does not state whether he intends the above to refer to cases where the operation is performed for chronic diseases affecting joints, or for accidents, gunshot or otherwise. J. D.'s case would lead to the inference that Mr. Bell's rule will admit of exception. In our operation there was necessarily so extensive a removal of shaft of humerus that we did not consider it expedient to remove head of radius, and only removed a portion of olecranon. The rapid union of incision through soft parts proves that the articulating surfaces of head of radius and of portion of sigmoid notch did not interfere, in any respect, with the healing process. Also, there have since then been no symptoms of sinuses or other untoward result.

A diagram of J. D.'s temperature after the operation is appended.

An Essay on the Contagion, Infection, Portability, and Communicability of the Asiatic Cholera in its relations to Quarantine; with a brief History of its Origin and Course in Canada, from 1832.
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I may here ask to be excused for a slight digression of a personal nature.

For upwards of twenty years previous to this invasion I had watched the course of the pestilence with marked attention, and tracked its devious