

a deep gash or cut, it will be right to adjust the parts, and keep them together by a strip of any common adhesive plaster; or, when this will not do by itself, the lips of the wound especially if it be a clean cut, may be closed by one or more stitches with a moderately coarse needle and thread, which in each stitch may be tied, and the ends left of a proper length, so that they can be afterwards removed when the parts adhere. It is advised to tie the threads, because sometimes the wounded part swells so much that is difficult to get them cut and drawn out without giving pain and doing some mischief.

BANDAGES.

If the part will allow a roller or bandage to be used, to keep the lips of it together, this may likewise be employed; for by supporting the sides of the wound, it would lessen any pain which the stitches occasion. With this treatment the wound heals often in a short time, or in a few days, rarely exceeding five or six, and sooner in the young and healthy than in the old and relaxed, and sooner in the