

The pressure caused by the depression brought on the epileptic attacks, and the long continuation of this pressure apparently caused changes in the brain substance, which it is reasonable to hope may gradually disappear, and a complete cure result. At any rate, the very great improvement ought to be sufficient ground for adopting surgical measures in all cases of epilepsy where there is a history of injury to the head, even when that injury is not of recent date, and where there is no outward evidence of depression.

INTESTINE RUPTURED BY KICK OF A HORSE.

The patient was driving a waggon, and leaned over to release one of the reins from under the horse's tail. The horse kicked, striking him in the abdomen with such force as to knock him out of the waggon. The boy got in again, and went on delivering goods for half an hour, when, on account of the pain, he had to quit. On examination, no mark was visible, nor was the slightest evidence of injury to be seen at any time externally. Abdominal muscles were tense, pulse rapid and rather weak, and some nausea. Immediate operation was decided upon, and within two hours from time of injury the abdominal cavity was opened. The small intestine was found to have been torn almost entirely in two at one point, and six inches from this tear was an opening which freely admitted a finger. A comparatively small amount of intestinal contents had escaped into the cavity. The rents in the bowel were sutured with silk, first bringing together the mucous edges by stitches very close together, and then stitching the peritoneum. The cavity having been cleansed, the abdominal wound was brought together layer by layer, and a plain gauze dressing applied. Recovery was rapid and complete.

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