

filament of nerve along with an artery, which causes great pain, and, according to some, tetanus. Also sometimes the noose of the thread takes in some muscular and cellular tissue, which becomes sphacelated. Now, torsion of the arteries quite shelters us from such disasters, and it obliterates completely and permanently the passage through the vessels. To make this ligature the ordinary forceps will suffice; it is better, however, to have different forceps for the torsion of the larger and smaller arteries. The artery being isolated he seizes the extremity between the two ends of the forceps to the extent of five or six millimetres. Holding the forceps in a direction parallel with that of the artery, he keeps it up with his left hand, whilst with his right he slowly twists it. After a variable number of turns, the extremity of the artery comes away in the forceps.

SHALL ECZEMA BE CURED?

The hesitation in curing eczema, lest it should "strike in," is thus met by Mr. Milton, in the *Medical Press and Circular*:

For years I have, in every instance, done my best to check the discharge of eczema as quickly as possible. During that period above 5,000 cases have passed under my notice, and as I have never seen or heard of any injurious results, I can only conclude that treatment cannot produce such an effect as bringing on internal disorder by relieving eczema. *Properly employed, treatment is neither innocuous or beneficial.* I can scarcely help thinking that, in such a large number of instances, if injurious results had been at all common, I must have heard something of them. On the other hand, it is quite certain that a number of patients, cured of profuse discharge, often of years' long duration, are, at the present time, not only well, but all the better for being freed from such a disgusting nuisance. I laid before the Medico-Chirurgical Society the particulars of a case, where the discharge from an eczema, covering the leg from the calf to the sole of the foot, was so profuse that the patient, an old man in shattered health, said, that often, after a day's work, he returned home with his shoe half full of water. This state of things had gone on for three years, yet the speedy removal of it, so far from bringing on any internal affection, was followed by a decided improvement in the patient's health. The old man was very well known in the part of the city where he resided. near London Bridge, and some years after, when I last heard of him, was certainly quite as well as he had