

“eyeball and eyelids, and there were recurring attacks of
“inflammatory and neuralgic conditions of the lids, eye, etc.,
“till about the year 1872 or 1873, when the other eye began
“to be affected as I thought through sympathy. This sympa-
“thetic affection continued with remissions and exacerbations
“until it was evident the left eye, too, would be totally des-
“troyed. I therefore advised the removal of the right eye,
“which during all this time was giving her a great deal of
“pain. She finally consented to the operation, which was
“done by the late Dr. Robertson, of Albany, in 1874.

“On cutting into the eyeball, after its removal, the vitreous
“humor was quite dense, not like cartilage and not solid; it
“was dark,—if I rightly remember it was black—and contained
“several speculæ of bone, some of which were sharp-pointed.
“I preserved for a long time one of these bones, which was
“one-quarter inch or more in length; and this reminds me that
“for a year or two she had complained of a pricking sensation
“in the eyeball, caused, no doubt, by these sharp points.

“She made a good recovery from the operation, and the
“sympathetic trouble in the other eye subsided.

“After two or three years the same pains and recurring
“inflammatory affections of the tissues of the lids and orbit
“reappeared, and have persisted more or less ever since.
“Three or four years ago the orbit began to fill up. Two
“years ago next autumn it was about filled; she then had an
“exceedingly severe time, with pain and inflammation of the
“surrounding tissues in close proximity to the orbit. The
“swelling in the orbit burst, and then subsided very much, but
“in a few months began to increase again.”

The remainder of the communication, dealing with the family history of the patient, contained nothing of importance. In some points the patient's own statements differ materially from those of her physician. She states that about a year after the loss of vision was first noticed the eye swelled up and burst, and then shrank; for some time afterwards she wore an artificial eye, but had to abandon its use owing to the discomfort it caused. That pain in the orbit and head returned within a