

A delicate-looking girl, aged 18, ran a needle into the fleshy part of the leg, where it broke off, but could be felt projecting slightly beyond the skin. It was pulled out, and she went about her work as usual; but in a few days the tiny wound festered, and in a few days more she was admitted into St. George's Hospital with symptoms of pyæmia, rigors, profuse sweatings, and swellings in various parts. Subsequently came evident signs of mischief, about the lungs, and she sank within a month after the trifling injury. The needle, according to the patient's account, was quite clean, and she stated that she had never been laid up before, and had always had good health.

A young gentleman, aged 18, and apparently in good health, while bathing ran a small splinter of wood into the fleshy part of the great toe. The splinter was immediately plucked out, and he went about as usual for several days as if nothing had happened. Then the spot became painful, and a tiny abscess formed; it was attended to, but in a few days it was followed by urgent symptoms—severe rigors, and most profuse sweatings; abscesses formed in the leg—one, a very large one, was deep-seated and in the calf; as they appeared they were dealt with, but for weeks the sweatings were so profuse that it was necessary to change the bed-linen several times in the twenty-four hours. Ultimately, however, the patient recovered, and he left his bed a mere skeleton, between four and five months after the onset of the attack. His bedroom was fair-sized, well ventilated, with a large window looking over a wide expanse of country, the house, a recently built one, being in the outskirts of a town.

A gentleman, middle-aged, was tripped up in the street, and fell violently upon his elbow, the lower bones of which were thereby dislocated backwards and partially thrust through the skin. The dislocation was easily reduced, and for a few days everything went on satisfactorily. Then came suppuration of the joint, followed in about a fortnight by several rigors and profuse sweating, with swellings in