

4 Forearm bent on arm, hand pronated and extended. Pulse usually quite stopped.

5 Forearm bent on arm, hand pronated and bent at wrist. Pulse either almost imperceptible or quite stopped.

6 Forearm bent on arm, with a roll of lint, or cambric pocket handkerchief rolled up and laid in bend of elbow. Pulse always entirely stopped.

B *Lower Extremity*—Leg flexed on thigh. Pulse in posterior tibial artery much weakened.

2. Leg flexed on thigh, and thigh on abdomen. Pulse in posterior tibial stopped altogether, almost invariably.

3. Leg flexed on thigh, with a roll of lint or cambric pocket handkerchief laid in the bend of the knee. Pulse stopped in some cases; not always, but with flexion of thigh on abdomen also, pulse invariably stopped.

4 Thigh bent on abdomen, the trunk bent forward. Pulse materially weakened.

From these experiments, as well as from those cases of actual bleeding in which this method has been used, it may fairly be inferred that we possess in over-flexion a blood controlling agent of considerable power, which can be applied on the shortest notice, which requires neither instruments nor apparatus other than can be obtained in the poorest cottage, which can be put in force by any one possessing neither special knowledge nor operative skill, which is not dangerous in itself, and which may be relied upon with certainty to restrain bleeding, at least temporarily, even when it may fail permanently to arrest it. The bleeding from a wounded artery is so striking a thing—so many circumstances occur to attract the eye and arrest the attention—the crimson blood flying in jets across the room, or welling from the wound, the deathlike aspect of the bleeding man—his livid pallor and convulsive agitation, these are so appalling, the absolute danger is so great and imminent, that we do not wonder if the ordinary bystander is palsied by affright, and the surgeon himself deeply impressed by the gravity of the situation. It is to such a scene that, suddenly and without preparation, he may be summoned, perhaps to some remote place—it may be in the middle of the night. Without assistants, except the terror stricken spectators who encumber the room, by the flickering light of a candle, a practised operator might hesitate to undertake the search after the wounded vessel. If then, at such a time, the mere flexion of a joint will remove the danger, allay the