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*Case of Traumatic Femoral Aneurism. Ligature, twenty-five days after the injury—death from Phlebitis thirty-four days after operation.*  
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The subject of this notice, a fine healthy young man, æt. 24, a corporal in the regiment, was admitted into hospital on the morning of August 25th, 1863. Whilst larking in the surgery with the hospital corporal, who was at the time engaged in cleaning an amputating knife, the former received a stab. The site of the injury was in the course of the great vessel, and about two inches below Poupart's ligament. The poor fellow was stated to have lost a considerable quantity of blood, and to have fainted before his unfortunate comrade, recovering his presence of mind, applied a compress of lint, and sent for a medical officer. The latter, Assistant Surgeon Baker, finding the hemorrhage completely arrested, did not disturb the dressings. It would appear that in the evening there was considerable tumefaction in the vicinity of the wound, but no oozing of blood from beneath the bandages. On the morning of the 3rd of September the outer dressings were removed, and a wound corresponding to the size of the knife, and containing a plug of lint, became visible. The adjacent parts were somewhat inflamed and tumefied. The plug of lint was allowed to remain, and a wet bandage applied. No hemorrhage experienced. On my assuming charge of the man on the morning of the 10th, and dressing the wound, its condition was as follows:—There was an oval ulcer about the size of a crown, containing in its centre a clot, apparently of recent formation. Healthy purulent discharge, tinged with blood, was secreted, and a good deal of thickening and redness of tissues adjacent to the wound was present; the results of inflammatory action set up in the