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Original Communications.

A Few Points in the Treatment of Severe Railroad
Injuries.

A CLINIC AT THE KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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THE case which I present to you to-day is that of L. J., aged 17, who, while walking on the railroad track, was struck by an engine. She was sent to us over the Kingston and Pembroke Railway late Saturday evening. On Sunday morning, under an anæsthetic, an oblique fracture of the left humerus at the surgical neck was readily recognized, but all efforts at making a proper approximation of the fragments were useless. Let me remark here, on first examination there was no evidence of external injury such as one would expect to find from so serious an accident. Upon more careful examination a blue spot about the size of a five cent piece was discovered near the line of fracture, and beneath this the deltoid muscle had a pulpy feel. I decided under the most rigid asepsis to cut down upon the fracture through the ecchymosed spot, and was astonished to find the amount of destruction to the soft parts with so little external evidence. A portion of the