

ness and enlargement of veins have increased very rapidly within the past few months.

On admission, he is noticed to be a powerfully-built, muscular fellow, and a picture of health. On the inner side of the right thigh, and about three inches above the most prominent part of the inner condyle, is a tumor the size of a hen's egg, soft, fluctuating, and readily emptied of contents when the patient lies down, but tense and resisting when he stands up. From the centre of its upper border the internal saphena vein, considerably enlarged, can be traced to the saphenous opening. A number of varicose veins, very tortuous and as large as the little finger, cross the leg below the tuberosity of the tibia, and communicate with the enlargement above by means of a trunk which appears to be at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter in its upper part, and about four inches in length. The tumor, a drawing of which I show you, is, in form, an enormous sacculated dilatation of the internal saphena vein. An operation for excision of a portion of the large trunk being determined upon, the patient was etherized, and a ligature, sufficiently tight to arrest the venous circulation only, applied to the upper part of the thigh. With antiseptic precautions (Dr. Fenwick assisting), I made an incision three inches in length over the main trunk, and dissected carefully down until the coats of the vein were exposed. A catgut ligature was then carried round the vein and tied; at a distance of an inch and a half above this, another ligature was applied. A branch of some size running into the intermediate portion was also secured. About an inch of the centre calibre of the vein between the ligatures was now completely excised with curved scissors. The edges of the incision were brought together with catgut sutures, and a catgut drain was laid along the bottom of the wound and made to project at either angle. The antiseptic dressings were applied and the limb was laid on a pillow.

*Nov. 24th.*—Patient had a good night and is free from pain; wound dressed, looking very well; the tumor is reduced to less than half its original size, even when in the recumbent posture; veins below the knee also much smaller and firm to the feel;