patient removed the dislocated bone. The patient was a man of about 25 years of age, who fell with his foot twisted under him ; on endeavoring to rise he noticed a bone protruding from the region of the ankle-joint. This was loose and he removed it himself with a penknife and brought it to Dr. Hingston, who said it was the astragalus. The patient made an excellent recovery.

Selections.

On the Treatment of Cholera.—Dr. George Johnson, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Medicine at King's College, London, in a clinical lecture published in the *Medical Press* of September 26, gives the following important views regarding the treatment of cholera :—

" In reference to the production of cholera in animals artificially, Dr. Koch has shown that he could produce cholera in guineapigs if he was careful before introducing the poison to inject opium in order to prevent the rapid escape of the poison from the intestinal canal. Now the opium treatment is somewhat analogous to this, since it tends to prevent the escape of the poison. Some men who have been constrained to admit that after all it might be best to allow the choleraic discharges to go on, object to encourage them by giving castor oil. But as a matter of fact the oil does not increase the discharges from the blood at all, but merely expels what is lodged in the intestines. The poison in this way is got rid of, and large masses of a gelatinous foetid material are often brought away, which have been left behind in spite of profuse diarrhœa. More than one Indian surgeon alludes to the necessity of giving purgatives to get rid of this offensive and injurious material. It is quite obvious that the main object of treatment in the early stage of cholera is to prevent it from passing into a stage of collapse. My personal experience during the two epidemics I have had to deal with is very conclusive. I may safely say that I have never seen a case of diarrhœa pass into collapse under the castor oil treatment, and my experience is confirmed by that of Drs. M'Cloy and Robertson, of Liverpool, as recorded in the