

TRANSFUSION.—The operation of transfusion is being resorted to very frequently of late as a means of prolonging life among consumptive patients. We copy a report of some interesting cases that took place in Fall River, Mass., and we observe from the columns of the *Inter-Ocean* (Chicago) that some of the doctors in that city have been trying similar experiments. It is stated that the parties experimented upon were far advanced in consumption, and that they were invariably benefitted by the operation. Some of them were so revived and strengthened as to be able to make a journey to the south for the winter.

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TWO CASES OF CUT-THROAT.

UNDER THE CARE OF DR. BETHUNE.

(Reported by J. R. Clark, Medical Student.)

CASE No. I.—James Wightman, aged 66, a resident of Scarboro, was admitted into the hospital on the 27th of October. The wound, which was self-inflicted while alone, with a razor, was about 4 inches long, extending across between the larynx and hyoid bone, severing the thyro-hyoid membrane, opening the air passage, and leading into the pharynx. There was considerable hemorrhage. He was found a few minutes after, and the wound dressed by a medical man, who inserted a number of sutures and afterwards brought him to the hospital for further treatment. The patient can assign no particular reason for the act. He was accustomed to moderate drinking and had indulged rather freely for several days previous, and was slightly intoxicated at the time he committed the act. General health very good when not drinking. He is labouring under mental depression. His father died of consumption. He has never had syphilis; had scarlet fever when young; had an ulcer on the left leg about four years ago; there is still a varicose condition of the veins present, and he wears an elastic stocking.

Oct. 28—Pus has formed in the wound; the sutures have sloughed out and the wound is gaping, bringing into view the epiglottis and chordæ vocales. His nervous system is suffering somewhat from shock, but there is no delirium; says he is sorry for having done the deed. Respiration normal; temperature about 98; pulse 70; appetite

pretty good; passes urine without difficulty. He is fed by a tube passed into the mouth and down the œsophagus, and receives about six pints of milk with beef tea, and 8 oz. of whiskey in the 24 hours.

Nov. 7th—He complains of fulness of the stomach; tongue slightly furred; has had diarrhœa; skin dry; he is becoming weaker.

Nov. 10th—Patient much improved; wound granulating nicely.

Nov. 13—Still improving.

Nov. 28—Wound nearly healed.

CASE No. II.—Cornelius Scanlon admitted Nov. 15; aged 37; married; tavern-keeper by occupation; resides in Toronto. The wound was inflicted by himself, with a tobacco-knife while labouring under an attack of delirium tremens on the morning of admission. The wound is situated below the hyoid bone and extends into the larynx. It is about two and a half inches long, extending from left to right and from below upwards. It bled a good deal, but had stopped before he was seen. A medical man was called and inserted a number of sutures. He was then sent to the hospital.

He had delirium tremens several times, and is now slightly depressed in spirits. Family history good; no tendency to hereditary disease; had syphilis about eight years ago and was salivated.

Nov. 16th—Pulse 82; respirations 26; appetite good; can swallow his food without any difficulty. Tongue furred and brownish, bowels regular, urine scanty and high colored, and passed with difficulty; skin cool and moist. Ordered 1 lb. bread, 1 pt. beef tea, and 2 pts. of milk per day.

Nov. 20th—Pulse 100; headache; bowels slightly constipated.

Nov. 25th—Improving; wound healing by granulation.

ABSCESSSES THE RESULT OF TYPHOID FEVER.

(Under the care of Dr. Geikie.)

Thos. Worth, aged 50, labourer, native of England; has lived in Toronto for several years past; always healthy previous to the present illness; of steady habits; was admitted into the hospital Nov. 21st; no family history. He had had a severe attack of typhoid fever, lasting seven weeks. Abscesses had formed—one under the pectoralis major and another at the wrist. He was very weak, almost moribund and speechless when sent to the hospital. pulse about 140; hectic symptoms. Both abscesses were immediately opened and large quantities of unhealthy pus removed. Diet—Eggs, milk, beef tea and bread, and 8 oz. of whiskey daily. Treatment: