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CASE OF EXTENSIVE VARICOSE VEINS CURED BY  
PARTIAL EXCISION, WITH ANTISEPTIC  
PRECAUTIONS.

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I have thought that the following brief report of a case of varicose veins of the lower extremity, treated in a rather unusual fashion, might be brought before the Society with a view chiefly to elicit discussion on so common an affection, and one regarding the treatment of which there still exists in the profession such a diversity of opinion. The following report has been taken from the notes of one of my clinical clerks, Mr. J. B. Harvie :

R. W., aged 21, a blacksmith, was admitted into the General Hospital under my care on the 23rd November last. His ailment was a varicose condition of the veins of the right leg, causing considerable inconvenience and a constant dull, aching pain. His family history is unimportant. He never contracted any venereal disease. He says that four years ago he was kicked by a horse on the inner side of the right thigh, a little above the knee. He did not pay much attention to it at the time, as it gave him little inconvenience. About two months subsequently, however, he noticed that the part was becoming puffy, and that the veins below the knee were gradually enlarging. The puffi-