

## TWO CASES OF GUNSHOT WOUND OF THE TESTICLE.

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CASE I.—W. B., æt. 28, a tall, muscular fellow belonging to the Midland Regiment, was struck by a rifle bullet in the skirmish which immediately preceded the final charge and rout of the rebels at Batoche on the 12th of May last. He was on the very bank of the river when the bullet struck him on the outer side of the left thigh, just below and behind the great trochanter and opposite the end of the natal fold. He was tumbled over the precipitous bank, and was with some difficulty secured and brought into the zareba, where the hospital staff were by this time pretty actively engaged. When undressed, it was discovered that the bullet had passed through the thigh, re-entered the perineum through the base of the scrotum, behind the left testicle, and thence made its exit through the body of the right testicle, making a large rent in the scrotum and tunica vaginalis. The testicle was carried completely out of the scrotum, and at the point of exit of the bullet a fringe of frayed and lacerated glandular structure protruded beyond the visceral layer of the tunic. This fringe of lacerated tissue I removed with sharp scissors, and after removing several pieces of cloth from the track of the bullet, and cleansing the sac with weak carbolic lotion, I returned the organ to the scrotum, and closed the scrotal wound with catgut sutures, leaving a capillary drain beneath. There was no hemorrhage or other troublesome symptom, and the wounds were dressed with carbolized gauze and iodoform. The patient felt comfortable after being dressed, and next day was put on board the steamer "Northcote" with the other wounded men, and sent up the river to Saskatoon in charge of Assistant-Surgeon Wright and a dresser. On arriving at Saskatoon he was found to be suffering from urinary infiltration. Extensive sloughing occurred, and his life hung in the balance for days,