

## GUN SHOT WOUND OF LEFT SHOULDER—REMOVAL OF THE WHOLE UPPER EXTREMITY.

**B**ENNIE S., age 10, on the 17th of September last was accidentally shot by his brother, a lad about two-years his senior. The latter was carrying an old Snider rifle loaded with a shot cartridge, and at a distance of from twenty to thirty feet from the patient pointed the weapon at him saying, "If you come any farther I'll shoot you." In his excitement, and needless to say, to his subsequent great grief his fingers pressed the trigger, and the little victim received the full charge of shot fair on the head of the left humerus shattering it into minute portions, and tearing through the acromion process and soft tissues posteriorly. About sixty pellets of the duck shot with which the cartridge was loaded, passed downwards and inwards along the anterior surface of the scapula and lodged just above the inferior angle. The force of the blow was such as to knock the little lad off his feet and his head struck the ground causing a severe scalp wound over the occiput. The arm was nearly severed from the body but so great was the laceration of the axillary and other vessels the hemorrhage appears not to have been excessive. The patient's father ascribes the arrest of the hemorrhage to the fact that there was an old man at the house who had a "charm" for stopping bleeding, and that he made immediate use of the said charm.

A doctor was procured who came a distance of twenty-two miles and remained at the house for two days, relieved his suffering and applied dressings of carbolic oil to the wound. The arm speedily became gangrenous and the little sufferer was evidently not expected to survive. However, on the 4th of October or "seventeen days" after the receipt of the injury he was started on his long journey to the Kingston general hospital. Leaving his home at six in the morning lying upon a mattress in a spring waggon he reached Calabogie station on the K. & P. railroad at noon and arrived at the hospital about 5 p.m. I saw the patient shortly afterwards and got the history as has been briefly related from the father. The sight