

The hardened surface of the ulcer was now treated to an application of acid carbol. applied by means of a swab to every part of it. An oiled silk protective, which had previously been soaked in carbolic solution 5 per cent, and then in a saturated solution of boracic to wash off the carbolic, was now applied over the ulcer and surrounding skin, and outside of this were compresses wet in the boracic solution and firmly bandaged to limb. In three days these dressings were removed and replaced by others of the same nature, and by the next dressing healthy granulations had sprung up and the hardened everted margin given place to a shelving surface of healthy appearance, and, in a comparatively short time union was complete.

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## CLINICAL NOTES, HOTEL DIEU HOSPITAL.

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### TREPHINING FOR EPILEPSY.

G. S., aged 26, came to the hospital on 7th May, 1897. He resides near Napanee. His family history exhibits no abnormal tendency. His father and mother are both living. When about ten years of age he was seized with convulsions. These continued at rare intervals for about three years. When eighteen years of age he fell from a beam in the barn, striking his head against a wagon rack. His injuries were not of a serious nature, but the epileptic attacks were induced, and have continued ever since. There was a decided depression in the left parietal bone, a little anterior and inferior to the parietal eminence. The patient and his friends were most anxious that something should be done to relieve his condition. I decided to trephine, selecting the site of the depression. Preparation for the operation was made according to Treves. The bone varied greatly in thickness from normal to fully half an inch. As a consequence the trephine entered at parts much earlier,