

The technic briefly is:

(a) General anesthesia, insertion of speculum.
(b) Circular incision, with sharp pointed curved scissors, of sclerotic directly posterior to the ciliary region, and in front of the insertion of the recti.

(c) Removal by sharp curette of vitreous retina and choroid.

(d) Insertion of speculum blades within the sclerotic, thus exposing the interior of the globe.

(e) With mouse-tooth forceps, catch the point of entrance of the optic nerve, pierce the sclerotic with the scissors and sever the nerve 20 mm. behind the junction, then complete the circuit of sclerotic close to the nerve, and remove the sclero-optic junction.

(f) Check hemorrhage, which is usually not profuse. Irrigate with saline.

(g) Insert a small gauze drain within the sclerotic, approximate sclerotic and conjunctiva vertically. Withdraw drain after twelve hours.

We have now left a zone of sclerotic nourished by a few twigs of the short posterior, and by the long posterior arteries, with muscular and nervous connections undisturbed. Thus is formed a movable pad upon which the artificial eye is placed.

By the removal of the vulnerable ciliary region in front, and the strategetic sclero-optic junction behind we have practically isolated this region from the remaining visual apparatus, thus conserving all that complete enucleation could accomplish with regard to the preservation of the function of the remaining eye.

The artificial eye is usually inserted within a week and worn for a few hours each day. The movement of the artificial eye is free up to twenty degrees vertically, and about thirty-five degrees horizontally.

This procedure is not applicable in malignant involvement.

THE ART OF MEDICINE IN THE AGE OF HOMER.*

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LAST autumn, as you will remember, men invalided with dysentery from the Peninsula of Gallipoli came in large numbers into English military hospitals. As they grew better they had much to tell of Mudros and of the fighting on the northern shores of the Dardanelles. Their stories called up memories of another and more successful expedition

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