

On admission he was profoundly insensible, breathing stertorous; pupils widely dilated, but no apparent sign of paralysis; a wound three inches in length, and gaping, extended from the superior angle of the occipital bone, downwards and backwards; besides, a depressed fracture of the skull in that situation, a portion of bone, three lines in width and about one and one-quarter inches in length, being driven beneath the surface of the external table. There were several contusions of minor character on the body. Pulse, 92; temperature in axilla, 100°; respirations, 20—and labored.

The head was shaved and the upper portion of the scalp wound brought together with a metallic suture. Ice was applied to the head, water-dressing to the wound, and he was ordered, internally, beef-tea and milk *ad libitum*.

April 9th.—Condition unaltered, with the exception that the pulse had fallen to 64. He refers pain to the head when roused. Is ordered Potass Iod., grs v.; Potass Bromid, grs. x.; Ammon. Carb., grs. ij.; Aquæ, ℥ss., every four hours.

April 14th.—Nothing marked has occurred in his symptoms since last noted. The pulse has ranged from 58 to 70, but this morning he attempted to get out of bed, became dizzy, and with difficulty kept himself from falling. During the two hours following this attempt, the pulse fell from about 70 to 48, at which it remained with very slight variation for forty-eight hours. The above medicine was ordered to be discontinued, and two ounces of brandy substituted. In the meantime the wound has progressed favorably under cold-water dressing. The depressed portion of bone looks as though it were exfoliating.

April 20th.—Pulse, 80; temperature normal; bowels regular; no pain in head; has requested his clothes, which are granted; wound being dressed with carbolic acid lotion nearly healed, but, when probed, a portion feels rough, as though denuded of periosteum.

May 20th.—Dr. Reddy to-day enlarged the opening communicating with the diseased bone, and removed a portion one and one-half inches long by one-fourth of an inch broad. The patient left the hospital the following day, since which he has quite recovered.