

for the purpose. On more careful examination of the eye, I now noticed a slight opacity of the cornea, although this fact was not easily established, owing to a haziness of the aqueous humour from the effusion, probably from the iris, of a minute quantity of blood.

A strong solution of Atropine was introduced into both eyes, and ice water ordered to be sedulously applied. Internally a grain of opium was prescribed to ensure freedom from pain and rest.

The question now arose in my mind as to the possibility of a portion of the splinter remaining embedded in the deeper structures of the eye, where it was destined almost assuredly to bring about trouble sooner or later. Under the circumstances, however, no surgical interference, I take it, was justifiable at this juncture. Careful examination of the lens failed to indicate the presence of any foreign body there, or extraction would have been called for. There was a probability, and a fair one, that the wound in the sclerotic would heal, and the man be left with a damaged and comparatively useful eye.

On the day following the accident, as might have been expected, the lids and conjunctivæ of both eyes were very much swollen and chemosed. The man complained of very little pain, however. To relieve the congestion, I everted the lids and scarified the conjunctiva most freely, the bleeding being afterwards encouraged for two or three hours with hot water fomentations. Atropine was again dropped in, and a brisk cathartic in the shape of a black draught ordered.

*March 3rd.*—Dr. Chipman informs me that owing to the great supra-orbital pain complained of by the patient last night it became necessary to administer morphia hypodermically, and repeat the same by the mouth in six hours. I found the man still suffering very great pain in the left forehead and temple, pulse 112, tongue furred, entire loss of appetite and nausea. I found the cornea very hazy, and the aqueous beyond appeared turbid—all signs and symptoms of grave import. I now ordered four leeches to the