

The patient was accordingly placed under the influence of chloroform and the operation proceeded with. The arm was transfixed a little above the middle third. The posterior flap being first made, four vessels were ligated, the radial, ulna, interosseous, and a muscular branch. Some difficulty was experienced in securing the interosseous, as it had retracted within its sheath. All oozing having ceased, the wound was bathed with a lotion of carbolic acid: 1 to 40 of water. The flaps were brought together and secured by six wire interrupted sutures, lint soaked in carbolic lotion applied; over which was placed oil silk, and a bandage, and the patient removed to bed. After recovering from the chloroform, he complained of considerable pain in the arm, so that a draught of solution of morphia was administered.

December 3rd.—He states that he slept only for two hours; that the arm was still painful, but less so than during the night. There is no fever and the general symptoms are favourable. Ordered a pint of beef tea, and half diet.

December 4th.—The bandage was removed and the stump dressed; there was considerable swelling, so that two of the sutures were taken out to relieve tension. There is very little discharge, and the wound looks well. The same dressing was continued, and the bandage was lightly applied. From this date the patient progressed favourably. The ligatures were all away by the tenth day, and the stump looking well, when erysipelas attacked the wound. For this a lotion of sulphate of soda was ordered and was continued for three days; no constitutional treatment was necessary; a black draught was given as the patient's bowels were rather confined. This attack, which was mild, subsided, and the process of repair went on without further interruption.

December 19.—Complains of pain in the arm of a neuralgic character. This he attributes to cold, as he was up and going about the hospital. The pain in the stump is worse at night and interferes with his rest, so that it was ordered to inject subcutaneously 20 drops of Battley's sedative solution of opium: this to be done about bed time. The following day he stated that he rested about two hours. The stump is almost healed, but is tender to the touch. The hypodermic injection to be continued each night at bed time.

The patient left the hospital on the 24th December; the stump was quite healed, but he still suffers at night with neuralgic pain, which interferes with his rest.