

First Aid to the Injured

CHAPTER I.

FRACTURES AND THEIR TREATMENT.

When a bone breaks a Fracture is said to occur.

VARIETIES OF FRACTURES.

Fractures are classified according to the condition of the tissues adjacent to the bone as follows:—

1. Simple.—The bone is broken with but slight injury to the surrounding parts.

2. Compound.—The bone is broken and the skin and tissues are punctured or torn, thus allowing disease-producing germs to obtain entrance to the seat of fracture. The fractured ends may protrude through the skin, or (for example, when a bone is broken by a bullet) the wound may lead down to the fracture.

3. Complicated.—The bone is broken and in addition there is an injury to some internal organ (for example, the brain, spinal cord, lung,