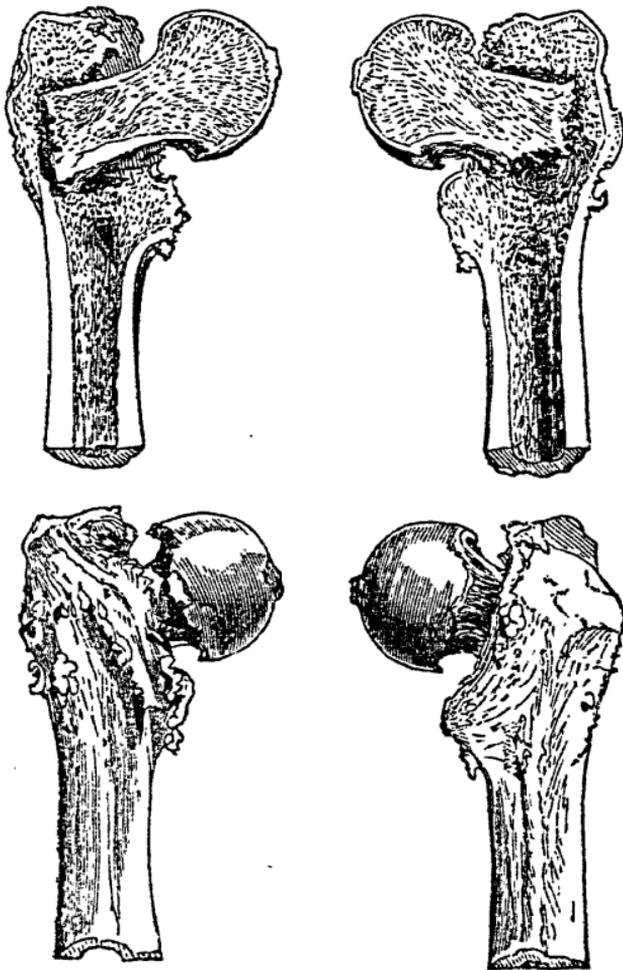


I removed the upper part of the femur, made a section of the bone, and of it the accompanying plates furnish an accurate representation.



A description of the woodcut is scarcely needed, as it speaks for itself—The neck of the femur has evidently been fractured short off at its junction with the shaft of the bone, and the loose portion has then been forcibly jammed into the substance of the great trochanter. When examined, the head of the bone could without difficulty be moved in its new position, but still it was found that there existed a considerable amount of strong new fibrous tissue between the broken ends. The case is interesting, as showing how an attempt at union was made in this fracture in a man of nearly 80 years of age and in very feeble health, and also I think as showing how, by thorough impaction, such as existed, doubtless, in this case, a condition of things might be established which would render it *possible* for an intracapsular fracture to become united by bone, contrary to the ordinary experience in such cases, and contrary