

into the soft parts. This is the simplest, quickest, and easiest of all the methods by the twist, more especially when done with a long pin, and as far as experience in the Aberdeen Hospital warrants an opinion, perfectly efficient. The gentlemen who were present in the theatre of the Hospital at the first operation where I tried acupressure by the twist were particularly struck with the great simplicity of this method as well as the facility with which it could be employed; but as the manœuvre with the small needle could not be distinctly seen from a distance, they were curious to see, after the removal of the patient, a demonstration I gave of this mode, in which I used a large needle and the mouth of the femoral artery in the amputated limb.

Professor Simpson used this method early in the history of acupressure in cases operated on by Dr. Handyside and Mr. Edwards, but he had published no account of it when the same method occurred as a perfectly original idea to the mind of Dr. Knowles, formerly House-Surgeon of the Aberdeen Hospital, suggested this method without the knowledge that it had been devised by Professor Simpson, and I felt anxious to give it a trial. I did so in the Aberdeen Hospital on June 29th, 1864, in an amputation of the thigh. This was the first instance in which the femoral artery was secured in this way. It is no part of the fifth, or Aberdeen, method by the twist to transfix the artery; on the contrary great care is taken to avoid doing so. It is important to be aware of this circumstance, that there may be no confusion between this method and the sixth, in which the artery is transfixed. In practising the Aberdeen method by the twist, the first movement of the needle may be made to consist of its insertion by the side or underneath the artery, as may be most convenient for having its head towards the edge of the wound when the quarter rotation has been made.—*Medical Times*.

PARTIAL DISLOCATION OF THE AXIS—RECOVERY—REMARKS.

Under the care of Mr. HILTON, at Guy's Hospital.

John S., aged 21, labourer, of St. Mary's, Gray, was admitted on May 26, 1865, under Mr. Hilton.

States that he has been ailing for the last three months; loss of appetite and general debility; has however followed his employment.

On Sunday, May 14th, he was stooping down to black his boots as they were on his feet, when suddenly he "felt a snap" in the upper and back part of his neck; he "felt as if some one had struck him there." About a quarter of an hour after he became insensible and continued so about half an hour; then he felt a stiffness and numbness of the back