

the compressed area. The abdominal cavity was left perfectly free from any foreign matter whatever. Sutures and dressing as usual. Time of operation, fifteen minutes."

THE SAFEST PRACTITIONER.

Which are the safest practitioners of medicine, the old with all their clinical experience, or the young with the latest theories with very little clinical experience? It is true the young will rush in where the old would fear to tread. It is true that the young, just out of college, have more faith in the efficacy of drugs than the old. It is true, also, that the young think the old are antiquated and behind the times. I regret to say that the young in many instances think themselves superior in the way of medical lore than the old with all their clinical bed-side experience and reading.

Of course, this flattering satisfaction in their own minds is their capital in stock. The old have tried every drug and means in the way of treatment and held to those which gave the most satisfaction. It is true the old have borne the brunt and responsibility of the profession and handed it down unsullied to the young in its present progressed state. The old we should honor for this alone. Many of the old have been in the medical field in epidemics and epidemics of cholera, yellow fever and small pox, they have stood by and administered to the sufferings on the field of battle when it tried men's souls, and they have treated diseases peculiar to every climate in our common country. Shall we then say that they are antiquated and behind the times? No, a thousand times no. The old's life-time clinical experience at the bed side of the sick and afflicted is a thousand times more valuable to the practitioner of medicine than the young's college book lore. It must not be forgotten, too, that the old have been students of medicine their life-time, not only experimental students, but students of books and journals. We may say truthfully that the more experience a physician has had, the more capable he will be to practice successfully his profession. Of this the young will be, we hope, fully convinced,

when the silver gray is beginning to bedeck their heads, the deep wrinkles of professional responsibilities begin to furrow their faces, and when their straight forms will become a little more crooked.—*Charlotte Medical Journal.*

REPAIR OF MUSCLE BY WIRE.

Lucas-Championniere contributes an article on his method of repairing ruptured muscle by means of wire in a manner very similar to that employed by him in fractures of the patella. A man, aged fifty, was admitted to the Beaujon Hospital under his care with the following history:—A long, heavy ladder blown over by a gust of wind struck the patient across the left thigh. Very shortly after there was extreme swelling of the part, but careful examination showed that there was no fracture. Notwithstanding this, there was complete inability to move the limb. In a fortnight's time it was possible to diagnose rupture of the triceps tendon above the patella, accompanied by considerable laceration of the muscle tissue, and there still remained considerable effusion of blood into the thigh.

There was a marked hollow immediately above the patella, which became more evident on making any attempt to raise the limb, which attempt was always futile. It was easy to ascertain the absence of any fracture of the patella. Lucas-Championniere decided to operate, and found on cutting down that there remained only a short tongue of fibrous tissue representing the triceps tendon at its insertion to the patella; above, the muscle was irregularly torn and retracted. There was an opening into the synovial sac of the knee, and the articulation was filled with blood clot. The writer proceeded by inserting two silver wires into the patella and carrying them from there to the triceps tendon above, though he feared that the least traction would cause them to tear away from the latter. The patient healed rapidly, but a month later, after leaving the hospital he was taken with some kind of convulsive seizure, as the result of which there was a repetition of all the symptoms in the injured limb. Lucas-Championniere cut down on the knee a second time above the