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## Original Communications.

### EXCESSIVE INTRA-OCULAR HÆMOR- RHAGE AFTER CATARACT EXTRACTION.

FOLLOWED BY ENUCLEATION AND LOCATION  
OF THE HÆMORRHAGE IN THE RETINA.

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June 5th, 1883, I was consulted by G. J., a large full-blooded man of about 50 years of age, for loss of sight in the left eye, which I found to be due to a mature cataract.

The patient being desirous of having it removed, the operation was performed without an anæsthetic.

A small peripheral incision was made with a Graefe's knife, and the cataract (which was rather small) removed *without iridectomy*.

The pupil was clear, though slightly irregular at its upper margin; but the operation was satisfactory in every respect. The anterior chamber, however, soon filled with blood, and I found it impossible to arrest the hæmorrhage. I therefore applied the bandage pretty tightly in the usual way and put the patient to bed. At

9 p.m. very little pain was complained of; but the compress and bandage covering the eye were saturated with blood. These were removed and a fresh bandage applied.

June 6th. The dressings still saturated with blood, the patient has complained of some pain and is very restless. On examining the eye there is a small clot of blood between the edges of the lids; and the lips of the incision are widely separated by a large piece of vitreous, which projects from between them. This was removed with curved scissors and the edges of the wound carefully brought together, atropine was dropped into the eye and the dressings again applied.

June 7th. The patient has suffered a good deal of pain during the night, and was forced to sit up several times upon a chair, in which position he seemed to get some relief.

The dressings were again found to be stained by a bloody discharge and the lids and conjunctiva were considerably swollen. The eye was thoroughly bathed with a solution of boracic acid, atropine dropped into the eye and the dressing re-applied. At 9 p.m. renewed the dressing and ordered a pill of  $\frac{1}{4}$  gr. morphia sulph. to be taken every night to relieve pain and secure sleep.

June 11th. Up to this time the inflammation has been very severe, and the