

be known before operation, supposing it one of these two forms, as neither is apt to return if *thoroughly* removed. Recurrence of each occasionally takes place, and it is somewhat more frequent in the case of myeloid; the periosteum should in all instances be scraped after operation. As the only certain means of relief, Prof. Gross recommends 'excision of the piece of bone to which it is attached.' "

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AMPUTATION OF THE HAND AT THE WRIST.—Sir Wm. Ferguson exhibited a man with an excellent stump, after amputation at the wrist, where the processes of the radius and ulna has been left. He advised that these processes should not be sawn off when healthy, as the breadth of the stump at the end of the arm was useful rather than otherwise.

Vesico-vaginal Fistula.—Ten days before, Sir William Ferguson had put in three stitches, with the hope of completely closing the fistulous opening. It had originated in the vaginal operation for stone nine years before. At the time, the healing process failed, and the operator had not again closed the wound. The patient was very young when operated upon for stone, and it was not easy then to stitch the wound. Sir William Ferguson saw her some time ago, and advised her to come into the hospital, in hope of closing the wound by suture; but the operation has been partly unsuccessful. To-day the girl said that the parts were quite dry, and on that supposition he proceeded to take out the stitches; but she had not given a correct account of herself, for urine was dribbling freely through the wound. He removed the stitches, but thought it inadvisable to do anything further then to the wound. He said that three or four operations were sometimes necessary in a case of this kind, just as for cleft palate.

Dislocation of Astragalus.—A man came into the hospital in consequence of having injured his ankle by a fall. The astragalus was dislocated outwards, and there was a good deal of effusion about the joint. On first looking at it, Sir William Ferguson thought that there might be a fracture; but as he could not freely manipulate the parts when the man was under chloroform, he