

inverted and fixed. Half an inch below and in front of the external malleolus a sharp prominence of bone is felt, over which the skin is tightly stretched. This apparently is a fractured portion of the astragalus which is dislocated outwards. The circulation in foot is good."

The compound fracture of the tibia was treated in the usual way with iodoform and jute pad after thorough irrigation with 1-2000 of bichloride, and, after a few days, put up in plaster-of-Paris, a window being left opposite the wound. The loose pieces of bone had previously been removed, and the wound granulated rapidly with but little suppuration, and there was good union of the bones with about two inches shortening.

At the present time the condition of the left foot interests us more and bears directly on the subject now engaging our attention. The patient was placed under ether and reduction of the displaced fragments of the astragalus attempted, but without result, so, considering the general condition of the patient and the other injuries, no further attempt at reduction was made, the foot being put up in a splint and kept at rest. On the 4th of September, the general condition of the patient being favourable, the left foot was again examined. On removing the dressings it was found that the skin over the projecting portion had sloughed, and that the broken bone projected through an ulcer about the size of a 25-cent piece. It was at once decided to remove the astragalus; so the patient being placed under ether, an incision was made from the external malleolus downwards and forwards for some two inches, and through this incision the three portions into which the astragalus was broken were easily removed. The anterior and posterior portions were quite free, whilst the central fragment, which corresponded to the portion covered by the lower end of the tibia, was attached to the inner malleolus by the internal lateral ligament, and there was no fracture of either malleoli. The wound was stuffed with sticky iodoform gauze and covered with a jute pad, a back splint being applied.

The progress of the case was most satisfactory, the wound having completely healed by November 14th and motion of foot