

spasm and photophobia to open the lids sufficiently to make anything like a satisfactory examination of the more important structures within, chloroform was administered. Dr. Chipman, I might mention, had succeeded at the time the man was admitted, some two hours before, in extracting from between the lids of the right eye a considerable quantity of dirt, containing minute splinters of wood, from a pole, for ramming down the powder, which the man held in his hand. Under the anæsthetic I removed from between and within the lids of the same (right) eye, what might be considered in this situation an enormous quantity of the same material, with this addition that there were two splinters of wood, jagged and united by a minute fibre, in size equal to the ordinary match, and sticking far into the swollen conjunctiva, in a direction from below upwards and inwards at the outer angle of the eye. Otherwise the ball appeared uninjured, with the exception of a general abrasion of the corneal surface.

Turning to the left eye, I found also an incredible amount of debris, with one splinter much larger than anything yet described, sticking through the conjunctiva and into the cellular tissue at the inner angle of the eye. This looked exactly as if it had been chewed, and one of the little bundles of fibres teased out from the rest had taken a separate and more oblique course, and pierced the sclerotic coat at about two lines from the margin of the cornea. I separated with a scissors, what we might, to be more clear, designate the sclerotic from the conjunctival portion. The latter I rapidly and easily removed, while the other requiring more caution in its manipulation, I extracted with some difficulty, owing to its jagged and uneven nature. The wound remaining appeared about a line and a half in length, with a slight angle about the centre. Through it, following the splinter, immediately flowed a small quantity of vitreous. I was anxious to use a fine suture to bring the edges together as well as possible with the hope of a more speedy union, but there was no needle to be had at the time sufficiently fine