

wound was cleansed, and brought together by the interrupted lead wire suture, over which were placed a pad of dry lint, compresses, and a firm circular bandage. There was little or no shock, and, although the amount of hemorrhage must have been large, the man's pulse was full and slow—beating only seventy to the minute. Three quarters of a grain of sulphate of morphia were given, perfect rest on his back enjoined and in an hour the patient was sleeping.

October 23rd.—As no bleeding occurred during the night, and the wound was easy, the bandage was not removed, nor was the back examined. The morphia was continued in one half-grain doses every four hours, and the patient was confined to the most rigid diet—barley water, rice water, and thin gruel.

October 24th.—Bandage and dressings removed, wound looks well, but at two points discharges a few drops of pus; considerable tympanitis in right hypochondriac region above wound; the parts were gently bathed with tepid water and the same dressings reapplied; the wound in the back is partly healing by first intention; the morphia was continued in the same quantities, and no change made in the diet.

October 26th.—Patient still doing well; dressings not disturbed; the morphia was continued in the same doses every sixth hour, day and night; no change in diet; the man passes his water freely, but has no desire to evacuate his bowels.

November 2nd.—General condition still excellent; as the wound has suppurated more freely, all the sutures but two were removed and replaced by adhesive strips, over which the wound was dressed with simple cerate and the bandage as before; wound in back almost well; no change made in the diet, which still consists of barley water twice a day, and oat meal gruel at dinner; recumbent position maintained, and the morphia continued in same amount.

November 5th.—Granulations are extending rapidly along the wound same dressing reapplied; the wound in the back is well, having chiefly closed by first intention, the patient is urgent to have his bowels open, and, as it is now a fortnight since the accident occurred, the morphia is stopped, and an opening enema given; this brought away a copious stool and greatly relieved him; recumbent position maintained, but diet changed to milk morning and evening, with chicken soup and bread at dinner.

November 10th.—Wound almost closed, and sufficiently firm to remove the adhesive strips; patient placed on common house diet.

November 12th.—Wound quite closed and union firm; patient allowed