

ART. XX.—Case of an Extensive Lacerated Wound between the True Skin and Fascia, covering the Abdominal Muscles, extending from an External Wound in the Scrotum to the False Rib of the Right Side. By CHARLES SMALLWOOD, M. D., St. Martin, Isle Jesus.

Benjamin D., æt. 28, by trade a blacksmith, was, this day, (Aug. 16th, 1851,) on the top of a load of hay, and, in sliding down, alighted upon the handle of a wooden hay-fork, (an implement much used by the Canadian farmer,) $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, very rough and uneven at the end, having been left rough from the axe when made. It entered the scrotum, on the right side, passed behind the testicle and its vessels, between the cutis vera and abdominal fascia, to the lowest false rib,—an extent of $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The fork was removed immediately from the wound by the man's father, who was on the spot, and a messenger was despatched for me. I saw him about an hour after the accident, (10 o'clock, A. M.) He was then in bed;—he complained of great pain and soreness of the first false rib, on the right side. The track of the wound where the handle of the fork had passed was traceable the whole of its extent, the skin being slightly red, and sore to the touch. There was a wound in the scrotum, by which it entered, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, from which there was slight hemorrhage. He complained of little pain; his countenance was pale—pulse 70, and feeble—tongue clean—had not vomited—bowels had been opened some few hours before the accident—had passed no urine since.

I placed the edges of the wound of the

scrotum in position, and retained them there by two sutures, and ordered the parts to be kept constantly wetted with a saturnine lotion. I gave him a pill containing g. opii. gr. j, and I left another pill, to be given in three hours afterwards, enjoining quietude and an antiplogistic regimen.

Iter vespere.—Has slept a little; hemorrhage very slight; suffered very little pain except in the rib; has taken a little food; has passed his urine without difficulty. To apply hot fomentations over the rib, and to continue the application of the lotion elsewhere; to repeat the pill.

17th.—Progressing favorably; to continue the lotion and fomentations, which appear to give him ease, and to take hyd. chl. gr. v. h. s. s., and a wineglassful of the following mixture every three hours, to begin in the morning:

R. Mag. Sulph.	ʒj,
Sp. Æthr. Nit.	ʒss,
Acid. Sulph. dil.	ʒiiss,
Aq. Ment. pip.	ʒ viiss. M. B. Ft. mist.

18th.—Bowels have been well opened; the pain over the rib much diminished; the wound in the scrotum progressing favorably. To continue the lotion; a slight fluctuation can be felt the whole extent of the internal wound, from the scrotum to the rib; no pain, but a slight sensation of fulness in the side.

20th.—Going on well; to apply a healing cerate, on lint, to the wound in the scrotum, and a hot poultice of bread and water to the right side of the abdomen, extending to the rib.

22d.—The fluctuation more perceptible and a slight swelling may be perceived, accompanied with redness, but no pain.—The length and breadth of the injury may