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Case of Femoral Aneurism, treated by Combined Proximal and Distal Compression.—Recovery. By JOHN HENRY HUNT, L.R.C.S.I., Assistant-Surgeon 1st Battalion P.C.O. Rifle Brigade.

The subject of this notice, Private George Ansell, æt. thirty, an unhealthy, strumous looking rifleman, of intemperate habits, a moulder by trade, but recently employed as groom; while hurrying up the glacis to the citadel, felt a sharp sudden pain in the right groin, which extended downward to the calf of the leg.

This, at the time caused him little inconvenience, but, about a week afterwards, he was surprised, on putting his hand into his trowsers pocket, to find a swelling in his right groin, which he believed to be a sympathetic bubo. The next morning, the 9th July, 1865, he presented himself at the Regimental Hospital, when, on examination, the true nature of the case was painfully evident.

A large pulsating tumour, the size of a small orange, was found occupying the upper part of Scarpa's triangle, and almost impinging on Poupart's ligament; this tumour throbbed so violently, that the pulsations, which were synchronous with the heart's action were visible across the ward, a distance of twenty feet. Pressure made over the "external iliac artery" controlled, with difficulty, the circulation in the tumour.

Owing to the proximity of the tumour to Poupart's ligament, compression could not be made, on the common femoral artery. The circulation was, therefore, controlled by means of a padded door key, compressing the external iliac artery. This was attended with no little difficulty.

He was ordered to bed, the thigh was directed to be kept flexed on the pelvis, and the strictest quiet enjoined. He was also ordered (the "varied diet" of military hospitals) 15 oz. meat, 16 oz. potatoes, 18 oz.