

was transfused into the veins to the amount of five pints, and hypodermics of brandy were given. At the same time the rent in the mesentery was closed and the bowel was sutured with a continuous Lembert. The abdomen was then filled with warm saline solution and closed with silk-worm gut sutures.

Although comparatively little blood was lost after opening the abdomen, the man's condition after leaving the table was very alarming, he never recovered consciousness, but only lived two hours. Even had the operation been successful, the cutting off of the blood supply to the greater portion of the small intestine would inevitably have caused gangrene of a considerable part of the bowel, and thus the case was hopeless from the first. The accident is a rare one, and I do not think there are many cases reported in literature.