

4:30, at which time he suddenly began to grow much worse, falling gradually into a state of *coma*. I remained with him, and the *coma* became rapidly more profound during the first twenty minutes of my stay; the face became purple, the veins of the head intensely engorged and the breathing stertorius. I took about a pint of blood from the arm, but he died in about half an hour after my arrival.

I had feared on the first day that the case might be one of those cases of apoplexy which Watson so well describes, where slight extravasation takes place, but is stopped by the clot plugging the bleeding orifice of the blood vessel, and in which the bleeding often recurs with fatal result.

The autopsy showed this to be the case; the left lateral ventricle was distended by a clot which, I think, would weigh two and a half ounces. The greater portion of it was soft, but imbedded in it at its anterior and inferior surface was a firmer clot about the size of a nutmeg which was difficult to break with the fingers, and which cut firmly with the knife. This was evidently the explanation of the slow, full pulse, and other phenomena of the first morning. The exact number of beats I cannot now remember, the case having occurred about three months ago, but it was not much over forty.

TRAUMATIC EVISCERATION AND RECOVERY.—

The *Gaz. Med. Ital.* quotes from the *Montpetra Med.* a remarkable case. A young girl, aged 12, fell on a large bottle and caused a wound through the abdominal parietes and omentum. Part of the small intestine transverse colon and greater curvature of the stomach protruded. They were returned, but again and again forced out by vomiting. Injections of morphia were given, the wound stitched up, and pressure maintained. The colon had to be punctured in several places to relieve it of gas before it was returned. The wound healed in a fortnight.

The students of Paris are endeavouring to form a Scientific Association, found a library, &c. (*Paris Med.*)

Hospital Reports.

LONDON HOSPITAL.—SEPARATION OF EPIPHYSIS OF ANTERIOR INFERIOR SPINOUS PROCESS OF ILLIUM BY MUSCULAR ACTION.

(Under the care of Mr. Maunder.)

For the following notes we are indebted to Mr. H. Habgood, house-surgeon.

William G—, aged eighteen, was admitted into the hospital on April the 5th. He stated that on the previous day, while running in a flat-race, he thought it necessary to "put on a spurt," and whilst doing so suddenly felt a sharp snap, followed by acute pain in the right groin, and accompanied by a sensation of "something being out of its place." He also found he could not advance his right foot another step, but being within a few feet of the winning-post he threw himself forwards, and, grasping it, saved himself from falling. He then found it impossible to stand upright without great pain in the right groin, which was somewhat relieved by resuming the stooping posture. He was carried off the field by his companions.

On admission the patient was found to be a strong, healthy-looking lad, with well-formed limbs, and exhibiting no evidence of bone or other disease. There was no history of syphilis, strumous disease, or rickets; and he had ten brothers and sisters who were all healthy. He was observed to lie flat on his back with the thighs extended and the right foot slightly averted. He could rotate the right thigh inwards or outwards, but with slight pain. There was total inability to flex the thigh upon the pelvis, and the attempt to do so caused great pain in the groin. A little fullness was evident in the position of the spinous processes, and the inferior spinous process (the attachment of the straight tendon of the rectus femoris muscle) was found to be detached and freely movable. Cartilaginous crepitus was very distinctly felt, both by the patient and the surgeon. This, and taking into consideration the patient's age—eighteen (the epiphysis unites with the rest of the bone at about the age of twenty-five)—led to the conclusion that it was a case of separation of the epiphysis. The patient was simply kept in bed, the thigh flexed in order to relax