

years ago the joint became very stiff, and openings formed in the neighbourhood, which discharged freely, and several pieces of bone came away, when these sores healed up. Eighteen months since, the leg became fixed in its present semiflexed condition. The man is anxious to have anything done to save his leg.

In consultation it was agreed to excise the joint, which was performed on the 21st June, 1866. The U incision was employed, and about two inches of the bones removed. The head of the fibula was found diseased, and had to be removed; considerable oozing followed, but not sufficient to weaken the patient, still a clot formed beneath the flap after the leg was put up. The splint used was a box carefully padded; the wound, after it was brought together with sutures, was simply dressed with cold water and lint. In the evening he did not complain of pain or uneasiness, except in the instep, pulse 116 full, no sickness or vomiting; has taken a little beef tea since the operation, to have 3 j. of Tinc. opium, to induce sleep.

June 22.—Slept very little; the pain in the instep is rather severe, no undue pressure appears to exist, the wound looks well, and a slight bloody discharge coming away, pulse full 102, countenance flushed, tongue foul, does not care for food, but has taken a little beef tea; a hypodermic injection of morphia to be administered at bed-time.

June 23.—Slept well last night, and expressed himself as much refreshed; still some pain in the instep; a desk was made to rest the splint on, and elevate the foot, which position gave him much comfort. He was rather feverish, and complained of thirst, pulse 112 full. The following prescription was ordered:—

R	Chl. potassa	5 j.
	Nit. do.	3 j.
	Aqua do.	5 viij.

A table spoonful every three hours.

June 24.—Feels very little pain in the leg, no starting, complains of pain in the back, from difficulty of obtaining a comfortable position, bowels not moved, pulse 98, tongue still foul, takes more nourishment.

June 26.—Pain in the back nearly gone, he had a pillow placed beneath the loins, which gave him great comfort; discharge from knee is becoming more copious, consisting of blood and pus; several masses of the old clot were pressed out, feels comfortable, and takes as much nourishment as usual since the operation.

June 29.—Since last report has gone on favorably; the discharge is becoming more healthy in appearance, bowels not opened since the operation; to have castor oil, slept very well, ligatures, of which there