

wrong, lose confidence in medical testimony, and decide the case upon other merits, that should be decided strictly upon scientific grounds.

The jury acting upon this principle gave a verdict of \$9,000 against the unfortunate Doctor; illustrating the advisability of submitting all cases of malpractice to the investigation of competent medical experts, who shall decide whether the charge is tenable or not, and upon whose decision the trial shall proceed or fall to the ground. In other words, the medical man should be tried by his peers, by men capable of pronouncing upon his guilt or innocence.

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Case of Elephantiasis Arabum of the right leg, treated by Ligation of the Femoral Artery. By D. C. MACCALLUM, M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng., Prof. of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children, McGill University, &c.

The November number of the *St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal* was lately sent to me by my friend, Prof. G. W. Campbell, who, at the same time, called my attention to a communication which it contains on Elephantiasis Arabum from the pen of Prof. Bauer, a gentleman well known to the profession in Canada. In this article, a Chronological Table is given of the known cases in which ligation of the main artery of the limb was performed for the relief or cure of the intractable disease under consideration; and Prof. Campbell noticed that no mention was made of a case that was so treated in the Montreal General Hospital in the month of April, 1859, and which was the first operation of the kind performed after those of Prof. Carnochan of New York, the surgeon who first proposed and carried into effect this bold and original treatment of Elephantiasis. The truth is, the case has never been placed on record. Shortly after the operation, I wrote a brief account of it to Prof. Carnochan promising to publish the case later, and send him a copy of the article. The notes of the case, however, unaccountably disappeared, and I recovered them unexpectedly only a few months ago. As this treatment is exciting some attention at present in the surgical world, I have thought that it would be well to publish the notes. They are as follow:—

J. W., aged 20, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital, January 24th, 1859, suffering from Elephantiasis Arabum of the right leg.

He states that, as far back as he can remember, his limb has been enlarged. His parents told him that the swelling first appeared after the