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of gauze of sufficient thickness are arranged transversely and superficial to the macintosh. These pieces are three or four or more in number, and they act as padding for the splint, and at the same time as an antiseptic dressing (Fig. 54). When the dressing is changed, a piece of gauze is pinned to each

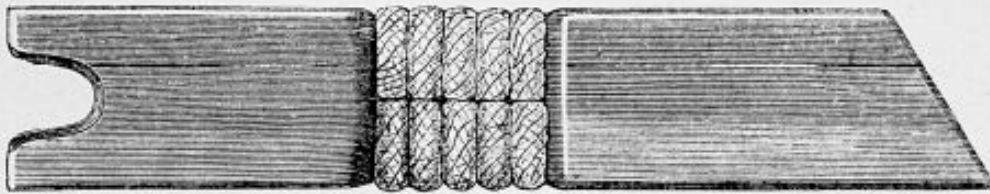


FIG. 54.—SPLINT FOR EXCISION OF KNEE, READY FOR APPLICATION.

The splint is padded at the upper and lower parts, and the splint and padding are covered with a piece of macintosh cloth. The space opposite the knee is filled with masses of gauze arranged transversely and superficial to the macintosh.

of the old pieces, and then the old piece being pulled out the new is pulled in, and thus the limb is never left without support (Fig. 55). Over the front of the limb an ordinary gauze dressing of suitable size is applied.

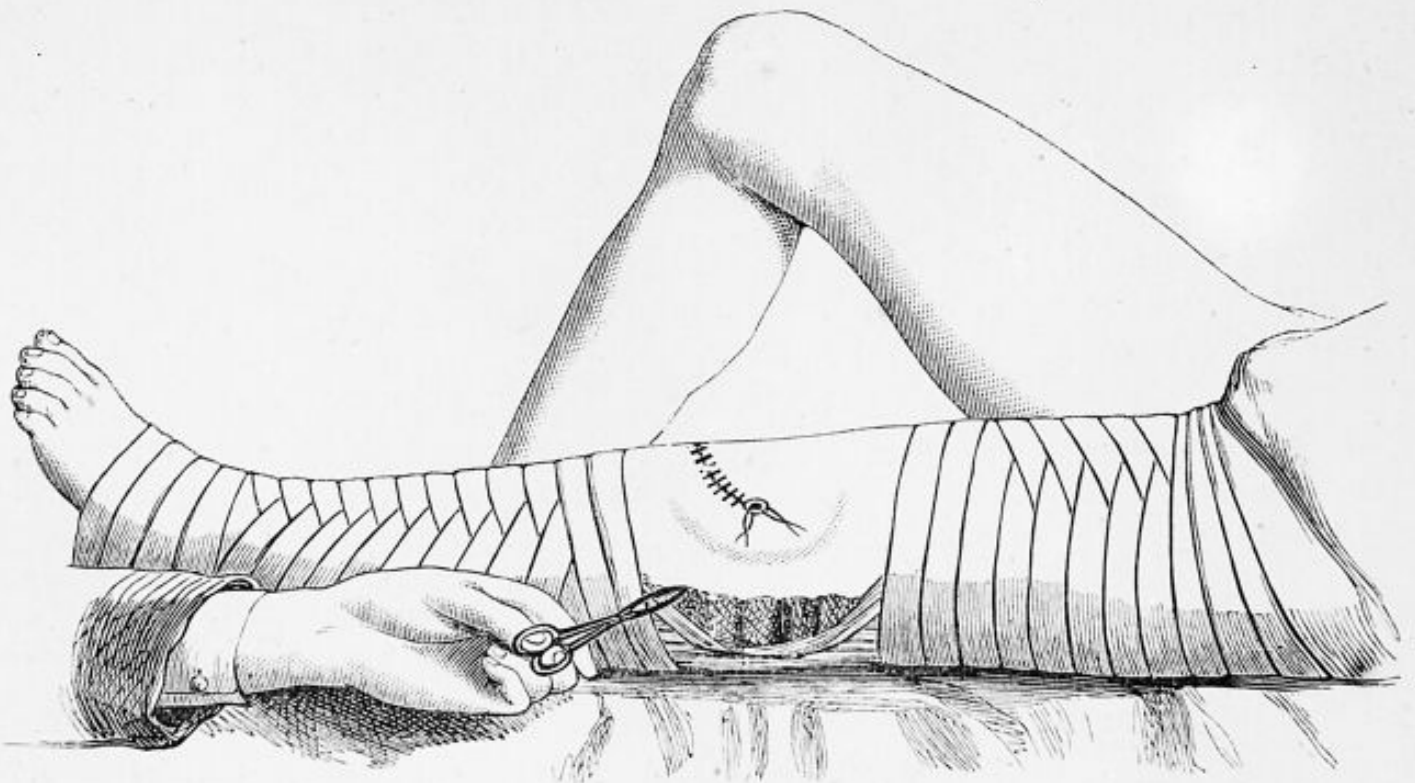


FIG. 55.—SPLINT APPLIED IN A CASE OF EXCISION OF THE KNEE.

This shows the method of changing the dressing. In the first way described a mass of gauze would be pinned on to the end of the old piece on the other side of the limb, so that as the old piece is pulled out the new is pulled in, or it may be arranged in the second manner described, and shown in Fig. 54—viz., a piece only extends to the middle line behind, and as soon as each is pulled out a fresh piece is pushed in.