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REMOVAL OF SMALL MAGNETIC FOREIGN BODY FROM THE EYE EIGHTEEN MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF INJURY*

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HENRY B., aged 34 years.—The patient attended Moorfields Eye Hospital on July 6, 1940, complaining of soreness of the left eye, the result of the entry of powdered chalk into it nine days previously. He gave a history of having injured the left eye 18 months before

Site of slight depression on surface of left iris, with pigmented floor and faint diffusion of rusty colour around on the iris stroma.

while knocking off the head of a screw with a hammer and chisel. The eye had been slightly red at the nasal side ever since.

On examination the left eye showed marked ciliary injection. There was a corneal scar to the nasal side and a dark rust coloured nodule on the iris behind the scar (see figure). The corneal microscope and slit-lamp revealed marked aqueous flare, a few very fine deposits on Descemet's membrane, and small round dark spots, evidently distributed in the posterior reflecting zone. (These spots

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were considerably smaller than the ordinary colloid body (Henle-Hassel body), and have on several occasions been seen as a transient manifestation in inflamed eyes).

On July 6, 1940, by means of the Haab magnet the foreign body was freed from the iris and it was removed through a keratome section. The patient was discharged from Hospital on July 13, 1940, with the eye in a quiet condition.

On July 20, 1940, some fine deposit was visible on the back of the cornea with the microscope. The posterior corneal reflecting zone showed good endothelial pattern with a few of the dark spots already mentioned. There was no pigment or deposit on the anterior surface of the lens. After retinoscopy R.V. with +0.5 D.Sph. +0.5 D.Cyl., axis $90^\circ = 6/6$. L.V. with +1.25 D.Cyl., axis $30^\circ = 6/9$.

On August 10, 1940, the left eye was completely white. There was a slight depression noticeable on the iris, with a pigmented floor and slight diffusion of rusty brown colour in the immediate neighbourhood only.

The weight of the fragment of metal was found to be 0.0025 gm.

It seemed to the writer worth reporting this case, as an indication of the fact that very minute magnetic foreign bodies may be retained without setting up any appreciable amount of siderosis during a period of considerable length.

A CASE OF MULTIPLE INTRA-OCULAR FOREIGN BODIES

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ON November 25, a man, aged 40 years, was stamping out steel aeroplane parts on a hand press when he felt a sting in his right eye. His eye was bathed by the first aid nurse, but in the evening he found the vision blurred, and saw a black shadow across his right field.

He was admitted to Moorfields next day in the care of Mr. Maurice Whiting, when the condition of the right eye was:—white eye; a small perforating wound above centre of cornea; the anterior chamber and iris normal; a track of a foreign body through the lens; in the vitreous—"A," a fine glistening foreign body about 3 min. long, lying antero-posteriorly, with one end in the centre of the disc; "B," a smaller similar foreign body at "6 o'clock" at the bottom of the vitreous; two minute foreign bodies in the vitreous near the macula; small dusty vitreous opacities; the retina showed slight