INJURIES TO THE TROCHLEA

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On several occasions the trochlea of the superior oblique has, unfortunately, suffered during surgical operations in its neighbourhood; but, as far as I know, no case but one of my own has hitherto been reported of accidental damage to the trochlea. I have just seen a second case, and I think that if attention were directed towards its possibility, it would be found to be not so unusual as imagined.

My first case was reported in the Northumberland and Durham Medical Journal, 1898, in a paper on the Diagnosis of Ocular Paralyses.

The patient was a lady who, in 1895, had received an accidental injury to her right eye from the point of a walking stick. A small scar was seen over the site of the trochlea, and she had all the symptoms of right superior oblique paralysis except the tilting of the false image. Thus, she had homonymous diplopia on looking downwards, with considerable depression of the false image on looking downwards and to the left. I considered that the fibro-cartilaginous pulley had been torn from its situation and had reattached itself further back. In this way intorsion of the eye might only result when the muscle acted, so that there would be no tilting of the false image. I saw the lady only a year ago with her husband, who had caused the injury, and found that the curious prismatic combination I had ordered her twenty years ago was still quite satisfactory.

Last week (May 31, 1919) I saw a boy at the Eye Infirmary who
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The following account of a curious eye condition is put forward in the hope that it may be of interest, though I am fully aware that a mere description of such a case is generally unconvincing. Unfortunately, however, owing to the patient’s age and state of health, it is impossible to present her at any scientific meeting away from Liverpool.
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