AN UNUSUAL FORM OF PROJECTILE.

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A bomb, composed of a tin, size five by three and a half inches, covered with cloth, containing mud, gun cotton, a detonator and a fuse, exploded while in the right hand of a sergeant, who was instructing a group of men. The sergeant’s hand was blown off at the wrist, and four of the privates were injured.

One man, who had been standing three yards from the sergeant, was admitted to hospital with six lacerated wounds of the right thigh and leg. The skiagram showed a piece of metal in one wound, and at the sites of the other wounds were dark blotches attributed to the in-driven mud.

From a small wound on the outer side of the knee there was a free flow of synovial fluid. From another wound on the outer side of the knee-joint were removed portions of mud and small masses of bone, the size of a pea, portions of which were covered with articular cartilage, the nodules of bone being held together by strips of fibrous tissue.

Although the portions of bone did not resemble any part of the knee-joint, it was at first feared that this might have been injured.

Among the muscles in the middle of the thigh were found similar nodules of bone with pieces of trousering, and similar foreign bodies were removed from the upper thigh.

In the two latter situations, it was obviously impossible for nodules of bone capped with cartilage to have been detached from the patient.

Further inspection of the nodules and their connexions of fibrous tissue showed them to be comminuted joints from the sergeant’s hand.

NOTES ON A CASE OF TETANUS OF SHORT INCUBATION PERIOD, WITH RECOVERY.

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The sudden development of tetanic seizures following operative treatment on a wound incurred five days previously is sufficiently rare to warrant publication.

The patient, Lieutenant ——, was wounded on July 23, 1915. He was admitted to a Base Hospital on July 25, suffering from a circular punched-out wound on the anterior aspect of the left thigh, about the middle third, of the size of a 4s. piece. The wound was caused by the accidental discharge of a flare pistol.