Clinical and other Notes

A CASE OF ELEPHANTIASIS SCROTAL FROM DARFUR, SUDAN.

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The patient was discovered in a distant part of the Province, and was persuaded, with difficulty, to come in to Headquarters for operation. He complained of inconvenience only. The tumour, when the man stood up, reached about two inches below his knees, and the penis had been invaginated for twelve years, according to the history. The patient was very emaciated.

Operation.—A square flap for the re-covering of the penis was made. It started at the level of the pubic bone, and extended downwards for about five inches.

Two semicircular incisions were then made, extending on each side from the median raphe, about one inch above the anus, to the bases of the lateral incisions of the square flap. The skin thus outlined was dissected.
back to the thigh, and cleaned of diseased tissue. The flaps so formed were for the reconstitution of the scrotum.

The testicles, which were perfectly healthy, and the penis were then identified and cleaned. They were laid in saline on the abdomen. The tumour was then removed.

The two semicircular flaps were then stitched together with interrupted silkworm sutures, and the testicles were placed in the bag so formed. The penis was then covered by the square flap, which was also stitched to the new scrotum.

The tumour weighed 48 pounds.

There was a considerable amount of sloughing from the diseased tissue which remained, but the patient made steady progress towards recovery, and left the hospital after some six weeks with his wounds completely healed and his disability cured.