

Fractures.

W. Bartlett (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journ.*) gives the following indications for the open treatment of fractures: (1) When a leg case must be gotten out of bed early; (2) old cases of non-union or *extreme* mal-union. (3) This treatment is desirable in all fresh, widely-open fractures if shock be past. (4) Chronically infected cases, in which the bones lie bare. He further states all compound wounds, whether suppurating or not, are to be packed and allowed to granulate. The patient must be a good surgical risk.

A Prescription That Was Not "Substituted."

An old-school physician, practicing in a small town supporting only one druggist, of over-scrupulous principles, wrote for one of his patients the following prescription:

℞ Spir. frumenti, q. s.

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Fearing that the druggist might hesitate to fill the prescription—it being Sunday—he added the following:

Please give the bearer the above-named potation;
He's a pretty good chap and employed at the station;
The liquid he craves is known as Frumentum,
And the name at the bottom will tell you who sent
'im.

The letters "q. s.," to be very explicit,
Is a medical dodge known as "quantum sufficit;"
But if a special translation you crave for,
It is simply this: Give him all he can pay for.