

thy fingers until the brain of his [the patient's] skull is rent open- (and) he discharges blood from both his nostrils, (and) he suffers with stiffness in his neck.....

Diagnosis: [Thou shouldst say concerning him]: “An ailment not to be treated.”

Treatment: Thou shouldst anoint that wound with grease. Thou shalt not bind it; thou shalt not apply two strips upon it: until thou knowlest that he has reached a decisive point.

Gloss: As for: “Smashing his skull, (and) rending open the brain of his skull,” (it means) the smash is large, opening to the interior of his skull, (to) the membrane enveloping his brain, so that it breaks open his fluid in the interior of his head .

Case Twenty-two

Title: Instructions concerning a smash in his temple.

Examination: If thou examinest a man having a smash in his temple, thou shouldst place thy thumb upon his chin (and) thy finger upon the end of his ramus, so that the blood will flow from his two nostrils (and) from the interior of his ear having that smash. Cleanse (it) for him with a swab of linen until thou seest its fragments (of bone) in the interior of his ear. If thou callest to him (and) he is speechless (and) and can not speak.....

Diagnosis: Thou shouldst say concerning him: “One having a smash in his temple; he discharges blood from his two nostrils and from his ear; he is speechless; (and) he suffers with stiffness in his neck. An ailment not to be treated.”

Gloss: As for: “thou seest its fragments (of bone) in the interior of his ear,” it means that some of the fragments of the bone come away to adhere to the swab which was introduced to cleanse the interior of his ear.