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Private

The cartilage that has been locking the joint came out this morning and M^r & M^{rs} Webb go off to London for advice to Fergusson & perhaps Paget. We put a ring round the cartilage & a pad over the spot from which it appeared to have come out. and they are off. I promised [M^{rs} W] to write a private note to you and she will [0002]let you know when they are settled - as she would have much more confidence in the opinion of a friend than of others. You will please object quite strongly against any operation till the path of the thing out of the joint is obliterated. You will thereby do a kindness to M^{rs} W. I said keep the thing where it is & press it down till in its own sack & then operate - and I hinted that he had better ask the surgeons to guarantee him a supple & not a stiff

joint if they operate now They will be at 51 Upper Brook St. but I gave her your address.