

## Letter to [John Kirk 2], 28 March 1865

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They will be at 51 Upper Brook St. but  
I gave her your address.

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Private

The cartilage that has  
been locking the joint  
came out this morning  
and M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> 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<sup>rs</sup> 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<sup>rs</sup> 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