NOTES:

In a talk with General Miles, he tells me the story of how he was wounded at Chancellorsville, on May 3, 1863. He was riding the lines urging his men on to attack, and was in exactly the position, so he says, that he is shown in the World picture. At that moment a ball hit the buckle of his belt, the belt offered such resistance that, though the eagle which decorated the buckle was knocked off, the ball was diverted from its course and entered the body, turned to the left, shivered the hip bone and buried itself in the muscles of the left leg. The shock was such that the sword and reins dropped from the general's hands, and he clung to his saddle. Strangely enough

hands, and he clung to his saddle. Strangely enough the horse which had been careering in the excitement of the fight, quieted down at once, turned and walked gently to the rear. Miles was lifted from the saddle and carried to a little house. He was found to be entirely paralyzed below the waist. A moment afterward a shell struck the house, setting it on fire; he was put into a blanket by a couple of men and carried some five miles. In the retreat of the army he had to be carried eight miles further in an ambulance. He was afterward sent to Washington, where his brother came and took him to Boston.

No trace of the bullet could be found at first, there being nothing but a little pink spot just below the belt, showing that it entered the body there. After two weeks, he was able to move his right toes, the physicians concluded the bullet was in the left

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side of the body, and began to search for it. They found the hip bone shivered and traced the bullet to the heavy muscles of the left upper leg; it took the heaviest instruments and the whole strength of the man to pull it out after it was located and laid bare.

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