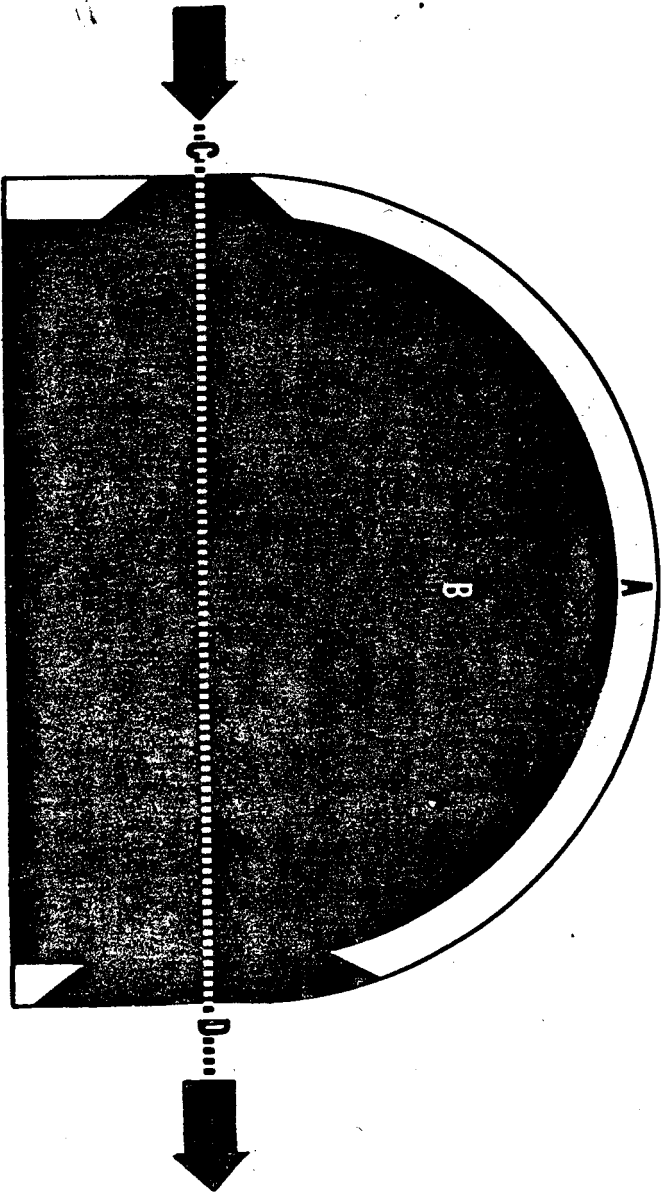


PERFORATING MISSILE WOUND OF THE SKULL



A = Cranial vault. B = Cranial cavity. C = Entrance. D = Exit.

Arrows indicate missile path.

Entrance is often smaller than exit because of bullet "mushrooming" or tumbling and/or secondary missiles.

Note "coring," "creeping," or "beveling" of the bone.

The diameter of the hole is smaller on the impact side. (The same differences of diameter apply to a glass pane.)

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