



FIG. 204.—Cross section of the leg at the level of the middle of the calf showing the surgical free dissection of these muscles in the attempt to check the process. The presence of the gas within muscles rather than between them was the reason for the failure of the surgical treatment. Amputation, cutting across these long muscles, releases the gas pressure and checks the process. This leg was amputated at some distance above the knee because of extension of the emphysematous condition in spite of the free dissection. Accession number 4708, Army Medical Museum. Negative number 46270