

gin of the foot, just at the root of the small toe. Another broad band of plaster with a loop formed at its outer portion was placed around the leg above the knee.

These loops were then connected by an elastic band, composed of two pieces of rubber tubing, attached by means of a hook to the loop at the root of the small toe, and by means of a loop with tape attached to the plaster above the knee. The tape was found a great convenience as a means of regulating the amount of tension required from the rubber.

No boot was worn for fourteen days, and during that time the child was not allowed to walk. The sticking plaster was renewed from time to time as it became partially detached, and the tension of the rubber was carefully regulated. At the expiration of that time the child was allowed to walk, but instead of putting on a Scarpa's shoe, I selected a light boot such as is usually worn by children, and still keeping the band of sticking plaster around the foot, I passed the loop out through an incision which I made at the outer margin of the boot, and hooked the elastic tubing into it. By this means the foot was prevented from turning in the boot. The other end of the elastic was secured to the back of a belt passed around the waist, and kept in position by passing through a keeper situated at the outer and posterior part of a band passed around the thigh. This enabled the child to walk without the possibility of displacing any of the fastenings, and exercised a proper amount of traction, and in the right direction. The child walked readily with the toes everted, and the sole of the foot placed properly upon the ground.

The result of the operation is very satisfactory, and although the elastic is still worn as a precaution, yet without it the position of the foot is quite normal, and its movements are such as they ought to be.

*Remarks.*—The advantages of the elastic band in the treatment of muscular contraction are marked, and its action in this particular case is very satisfactory. The age of the child necessitated a moderate amount of traction in order