

Like most surgical procedures this operation must pass through a period of trial, and the experience of various operators in different parts of the world must be carefully reported, and the evidence derived therefrom judicially weighed before anything approaching final judgment can be arrived at. Inasmuch as this operation aims at the relief of a disability until recently regarded as practically beyond help, not to say cure, the importance of the matter is everywhere conceded; but unfortunately, it is likely to take an unusually long time before professional opinion can finally crystallize, owing chiefly to the relative rarity of congenital dislocation of the hip, which must make it ever impossible



FIG. 2.

for more than a comparatively small number of surgeons to gain any large amount of experience with it. It is only fair to state that Dr. Lorenz should not be held accountable for the exaggerated and extravagant claims regarding his methods of treatment, which for several months were so much in evidence in the lay press. It is the business of newspaper representatives to be perpetually hungry for news, and the altogether extraordinary circumstances under which Dr. Lorenz visited this continent, gave the press an exceptional opportunity, with the result that the reporters fully sustained their reputation for enterprise and inventive power. I personally saw and heard Dr. Lorenz refuse information to a representative of one of the Boston newspapers, who asked for a