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VOLKMANN'S CONTRACTURE.*

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T F., aged 9, male, was admitted to the Hospital for Sick Children on November 1st, 1907. Has had no previous illness. Two years ago he fractured the right tibia; treated by splints for one month with perfect recovery. On August 21st, 1907, he fell while vaulting a gate, sustaining a fracture of the left humerus a short distance above the elbow joint. The fracture was set under an anæsthetic and the arm was tightly strapped with adhesive plaster, the elbow being acutely flexed; the



adhesive passing over the shoulder of the injured side, down around the elbow and up over the shoulder of the sound side. This strapping was removed in four days under an anæsthetic, when the hand was seen to be much swollen and a dead-white area, surrounded by a dark ring, was seen on the inner side of the dorsum of the wrist. The arm was then bandaged close to the chest for two weeks, the elbow being moderately flexed. At this time (eighteen days after the accident) the bandages were removed, when it was found that the hand was "clawed" and there were no movements of the forearm and hand possible. The boy suffered no pain

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