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INTRODUCTION.

The injuries and diseases of the hip-joint, are often among the most complicated and undefinable, which the professional man has to deal with;—extremely difficult of accurate diagnosis—dreadfully degrading to the practitioner, should he, through ignorance or carelessness, fail in his judgment. Nay, he is accountable for the inevitable lameness and deformity which results, not only in a Court of Justice, but also to public opinion; while the hapless patient, a cripple for life, haunts him like an evil spirit, at every turn of the road, reminding him of his incapacity or negligence. What an incentive then, to the study of these diseases, especially when we are assured that there are some varieties which, even with the most profound knowledge and careful attention, will leave painful marks behind them. These accidents and diseases of the hip-joint should consequently form a study of paramount importance to the Surgeon, challenging in him the most profound and accurate knowledge of the anatomical structure, and