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ABSTRACT OF A CLINICAL LECTURE ON POTT'S  
DISEASE OF THE SPINE, WITH PSOAS ABSCESS.

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GENTLEMEN,—The case I present to you to-day is one of more than ordinary interest. Our little patient is about seven years old, and, as you will readily notice, is thin and anæmic. The parents are fairly healthy people, and have had a large family of strong children, this being the youngest. They state, however, that this child has always been delicate, and has been complaining of odd symptoms for the past five or six months, although it was not thought necessary to seek professional advice until the present time. For the past two or three weeks the child has been walking about in a stooped position, and seeming to favor the left leg, but not till a day or two ago was any notice taken of this lump which you see in the groin. Nothing unusual about the back has ever been seen by the friends, although we find a distinct prominence of the tenth or eleventh dorsal vertebra. There is no pain elicited by pressure over this, as the child stands, but when I place him across my knees, and extend the spine, you will notice then that he winces when I reach that part with my finger and thumb pressing on the vertebræ. I might mention that a hot sponge or piece of ice drawn slowly down the back will sometimes detect disease when pressure fails, and espe-