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CLUB-FOOT IN THE ADULT.*

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THOUGH club-foot is seen not very infrequently in persons who have attained to adult years, yet so general is the impression among the laity and in the profession that the condition is incurable that the surgeon's advice is seldom sought. Having had experience, especially in the last two years, with several cases, in persons varying in age between the sixteenth and forty-third years, and believing that the treatment of these cases is eminently feasible, and that the results obtainable are such as to improve in a marked degree the patients' appearance, comfort and general well-being, I have felt justified in bringing this subject to the notice of the Association.

In all, I have treated seventeen cases between the ages named; seven of these cases were thirty years or older. The average age was twenty-six years. Eleven of the cases had both feet deformed.

I shall give particulars of only a few cases:

CASE 1. T. S. D., aged 29, tinsmith, had strongly marked deformity of both feet at birth. He is a healthy, stout man of about 150 pounds. No systematic attempt had been made to correct the deformity, which is now typical (Figs. 1 and 2).

First operation with anesthesia, December 8th, 1898, the plantar fascia, tibialis posticus tendon, and the anterior portion of the

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