

Feeling satisfied that I had to deal with a dislocation backwards into the ischiatic notch, chloroform was administered, and reduction by manipulation practised. Seizing the ankle in my right hand, the leg was flexed on the thigh at the knee-joint, the thigh flexed on the pelvis, and carried first towards the left side, to a little more than at a right angle. Abduction and rotation of the limb outwards was then performed, when an audible snap occurred, and on extending the limb it was found that the head of the bone had returned to its natural position, the limbs had assumed a symmetrical appearance, were of equal length, and the motions of the joint free and the sensation quite normal. The limbs were then bandaged together, and the child returned to bed. The mother was obliged to return home, as she was from the country, and she objected to leave her child at the hospital, so that they were discharged on the 26th June, two days after the reduction. In the meantime no untoward symptoms had been developed, and she was instructed to return, should any further trouble occur.

The following table is taken from cases reported in Hamilton's work on Fractures and Dislocations, and is compiled to show that these injuries may occur at a very early age under peculiar circumstances:—

No.	Age.	Situation.	Authority.
1.	6 months.....	Thyroid Notch.....	J. Powdrell, in <i>Lancet</i> .
2.	18 months.....	Dorsum ilii.....	{ 1 <i>Gazette Medicale</i> . 1 Dr. Fanning. In Hamilton, on Fract. and Disloc.
3.	3 years.....	{ 1 Dorsum ilii 1 Ischiatic notch... 1 Not stated	{ 1 Mr. Kirby, in <i>Dublin Med. Press</i> . <i>Dr. Buchanan's Magazine</i> . Malgaigne.
1.	3½ years.....	Dorsum ilii.....	Mr. Image, <i>Prov. Med. Journal</i>
1.	4 years.....	Dorsum ilii.....	J. M. Litten, Texas.
1.	6 years.....	{ Incomplete, Thyroid } Foramen	J. C. Warren.

Dislocation of the hip-joint, as occurring in early life, is comparatively a rare accident. We may account for this from the fact that young children are less exposed to injury, and that from their light weight are capable of sustaining injury with comparative immunity. It has been stated that dislocation of the hip-joint never occurs before the seventh year of life. This is an error;