

of deformity, which is most necessary in order to avoid great pain. The child shown in figures, when treatment was commenced, had about thirty-five degrees of flexion and twenty degrees of abduction. In six weeks, with only eight pounds of weight, the limb was straight. The bar can be lowered one-half inch every day for a few days, and the splint on which the limb lies abducted a little at about the same intervals. Light boards are fitted on either side of the carriage to prevent the clothes falling out. During the day counter-extension is made by the perineal straps, at night the pressure on the perineum can be relieved by elevating the foot of the carriage.

This method has been tried for over a year in several cases of acute hip-joint disease, with most satisfactory results in every way, especially in regard to the general health. As far as I can find out from the literature at my command, the method is new. It is applicable to both private and dispensary patients, as no difficulty is found in getting most of the dispensary patients to pay a small monthly rent for such a carriage, and even in hospitals it might be used with advantage where there is an open-air balcony or veranda, on to which the carriages could be wheeled.

These carriages are very inexpensive, and can be made by any bassinet manufacturer.—*Medical Record*, Aug. 3.

The Profession as Viewed by the Public.

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THE gravest charge made against the profession and the most widely credited, is that of being abortionists. Let us consider the grounds of this imputation. One of our best men, whom all of us respect and many of us love, was called to a young woman in one of his families, and to his vast surprise found the maiden—whom he had known from her birth—in the throes of a miscarriage. After scolding briskly for some minutes, he proceeded to relieve her of her chorionic encumbrances. As he worked red-handed, an aunt came in, and, rising to the situation, exclaimed, "So you *are* in the business after all!" The rage of the good-hearted and honorable man may be fancied. He now devotes himself to the infernal gods if he ever attends a woman in that trouble again; and if he finds himself caught at the bedside, he abandons the case.