

AN EXTREME DEGREE OF TALIPES EQUINUS.¹

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N. L., æt 31, French Canadian was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital in September, 1896, for cellulitis of the hand following a wound of the thumb received in opening a bottle some days previously. The interesting condition was the extreme degree of talipes equinus of the right foot which was bent back to such an extent that he walked on the instep and the lower part of the crest of the tibia corresponded to the os calcis, the toes being directed backwards and the foot at a right angle to the leg. He states that the condition was congenital but that in childhood the toes were in a straight line with the leg. The hyper-extension of the foot continued to increase gradually and when he was 13 years of age he was able to walk as at present on the dorsum of the foot. The foot is somewhat smaller than its fellow, there is absence of the fourth and fifth toes, and this leg is five inches shorter than the other. In walking he wears a metal frame on the boot which equalizes the length of the legs.

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