

entered his mouth, passed through the palate and penetrated into the cranial cavity. After a severe illness he recovered with paralysis of the right leg and arm, and some involvement of the muscles of both sides of the face. The leg was not so badly disabled but that he could get about pretty rapidly and comfortably, but the right hand was almost useless, being small and strongly flexed. It was thought that if the wrist-drop could be overcome and the hand brought into line with the arm it would at least present a less objectionable appearance, be less in the way, and might possibly be more useful in the few manipulations which such a disabled member was capable of, for example, holding a sheet of paper on the desk while writing with the other hand. With this in view we operated with the object of producing ankylosis in a straight position at the wrist joint. Unfortunately some sloughing followed the operation, also slight necrosis of portions of the carpus; but in spite of these unfortunate circumstances we have reason to believe that no small gain will be secured by the operation, although as the patient is still under treatment it is too early to pronounce final judgment upon it.

Cerebral and spinal tumors, retarded mental development and all degrees of mental defect to complete idiocy, diphtheritic paralysis, the paralysis of Pott's disease, neuritis, trophic disturbances due to injuries, railway spine—these may be simply mentioned as affections of the nervous system which are met with in orthopedic practice because of deformity, muscular weakness, or interference with locomotion of which they may be the cause, or on account of the need of therapeutic resources which are not at the command of everyone engaged in general practice.

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