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DISLOCATION OF THE RIGHT HIP JOINT INTO
THE ISCHIATIC NOTCH;

OCCURRING FROM A FALL, IN A BOY AGED FOUR YEARS.

Reduction by Manipulation.

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Cases of dislocation of the hip-joint are comparatively rare accidents, more especially amongst children. Having recently met with a case of dislocation in a child of four years, I deemed it of sufficient interest to place on record. C. C., a little boy of 4 years, was brought by his mother to the Montreal General Hospital on the 24th June, 1878, with what was supposed to be the commencement of hip-joint disease. The history, as given by the mother was that while running he slipped, with his right leg bent beneath his body, and fell on the side, receiving what was supposed to be an ordinary contusion. The accident occurred some ten days before admission. When seen he was lying on his back in bed, the right knee was rotated inwards and advanced, lying upon and overlapping the left thigh; it was slightly flexed at the knee-joint, and the mother stated that he was unable to stand or walk. There was flattening of the trochanter, and considerable fixity of the limb. The examination was conducted on a table. On attempting to place the limbs together and extending them, the loins were arched forwards, a condition which was reduced when the injured limb was flexed on the pelvis, but there was not that amount of fixity which is usually seen in these cases, but some shortening.