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### CASE OF TRAUMATIC TETANUS—TREATED BY NERVE-STRETCHING, CALABAR BEAN, AND CHLORAL.

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Peter Johnson, æt 28, a light-complexioned, well-nourished, powerful young Swede, was admitted to Hospital August 25th, 1876, complaining of a soreness about the throat, difficulty of swallowing, and a general feeling of stiffness.

Patient is a coachman and general servant. On the 12th of August he stepped on a rusty nail, running it through the outer margin of the left foot, one inch above the metatarso-phalangeal articulation of the little toe. He pulled out the nail at once, and applied turpentine to the wound. It felt sore for a few days, but as it did not prevent him from working he paid no particular attention to it. On the 20th, he noticed that he could not open his mouth as well as usual, when he was taking his food; he experienced some difficulty in swallowing, not pain, but a sensation as if the food went down "too quickly, with a jerk." He found mastication becoming gradually more difficult, and was consequently obliged to confine himself to liquid food; he was frequently bathed in profuse perspiration. These symptoms became daily more marked till the 23rd, when he began to feel pain in the back and shoulders, or rather a