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POTT'S DISEASE—ITS EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND MECHANICAL TREATMENT.\*

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THE disease of the vertebræ, first well described by Percival Pott, in 1779, is now generally recognized as tubercular.<sup>1</sup> The frequency of its occurrence, the constancy of resulting deformity, and the long duration of the disease make it one of great interest and importance to every practitioner of medicine. In children it occurs more frequently than any other form of bone disease.

As in all tubercular affections, the history is an important aid in making an early diagnosis—the personal of more consequence than the family history. Doubtless the vulnerability of the descendant of tubercular ances-

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