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ART. VII.—*On the Treatment of Contracted and Stiff Joints.* By
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The attention of Surgeons has lately been directed to the means of remedying the deformities that result from ankylosis, and very satisfactory statements have been advanced in favor of the plans of treatment recommended. Though it has been well known that practitioners who devote themselves exclusively to orthœpodic surgery, have met with great success in this branch, it has been thought, that the processes by which these results were obtained, were so complicated, tedious and difficult, that the general surgeon could not conveniently carry them out.* It

* Mr. Erichson has recently published in the *Lancet* for Nov. 10th and 17th, 1856, some excellent observations on the above subject, with illustrative cases. In the short article devoted to ankylosis (fifty-six lines,) in his work on Surgery, published in 1853, he appears to have had no practical experience on the subject, and what he says upon treatment is extracted from Mr. Tamplin's useful little treatise. Most of the cases published in the *Lancet* were treated during the previous twelve months. It is to be hoped he will devote his talents to this branch of surgery on which we still require so much information.