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Case of Dislocation of the Femur Downwards and Forwards into the Thyroid Foramen - Successful Reduction after Eight Weeks -Recovery with Useful Limb. By A. Dixon Wagner, M.D., C.M., Dickinson's Landing, Ontario.

On the 4 th January, 1873 , I was requested to see a little girl aged ten years, who was represented as suffering from rheumatism. The chief' seat of pain was in the left thigh. There was no swelling, but she complained of a ciull aching in front and about the junction of the middle. with the upper third of the thigh. On examination in the standing position, the left thigh was flexed and abducted, the heel raised from the floor, the limb was advanced, the toe pointed outwards and forwards, the body was inclined forwards towards the affected side, and on rotating the limb the round head of the thigh bone could be felt distinctly in the thyroid foramen. There was considerable flattening of the hip, the trochanter major was not as prominent as on the other side, and the adductor muscles on the inside of the thigh were rigid, the limb was lengthened $1 \frac{1}{4}$ inches. There was considerable immobility, but the child could walk and bear the weight of the body on the limb, the gait, however, was awhward, and she limped badly.

The previous history was as follows : I. B., aged ten years, a spare but well-nourished child, while returning from school on the 12th November, 1872 , attempted to jump across a pool of water, the left leg being in advance, she slipped, the left ankle turned under her and she fell heavily on the left hip. She was considerably jarred and was unable to rise, the left leg was out from the body and she could not bring it on a level with the other side. With assistance she managed to get on her feet and succeeded in reaching home, though with some difficulty. During the ensuing week she was unable to get about, but on the sixth day after the accident, or on the 18th November, she returned to school, walking half : mile with muci incomvenimee the mate jaia. At the

