

NEW METHODS OF REDUCING DISLOCATIONS.

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The first case was a dislocation of the left thigh outward,—a lady who had received the injury from being thrown from a wagon. On placing the patient erect, the characteristic appearance was presented. The knee resting upon the lower third of the thigh, the great toe of the foot upon the instep of the opposite limb, and the trochanter major approximated to the crest of the ilium. A mattress was thrown upon the floor, and upon this the patient was placed upon her back. I then grasped the knee with my right hand, and the foot with my left: fixed the leg on the thigh, and carried the knee and the thigh over and upon the sound one, and then upwards as high as the umbilicus, keeping it constantly pressed down upon the body. I then carried the knee outward, bringing the heel inward and the foot over the opposite limb, at the same time making gentle oscillations of the thigh, when the head of the bone slipped suddenly into its socket. The force required was quite moderate, and the pain almost nothing.

The second case was a dislocation of the thigh inward, or upon the pubes. It was a man who had fallen from the second story of a house. The limb was a trifle shortened and the foot strongly everted, toes pointing outward. The prominence of the trochanter major was lessened, and the head of the bone could be felt upon the pubes. The patient was placed upon the floor on a quilt. Being a man of strong muscular development he was placed under the influence of chloroform. When quite unconscious, the limb was taken by the foot and knee and rotated outwards, the leg flexed and carried over the opposite knee and rotated outwards, the leg flexed and carried over the opposite knee and thigh, the heel kept well up, and the knee pressed down. This motion was continued by carrying the thigh over the sound one as high as the upper part of the middle third, the foot kept firmly elevated. Then the limb was carried directly upwards by elevating the knee, while the foot was held firm and steady, at the same time making gentle oscillations by the knee, when the head of the bone suddenly dropped into its socket.

The method for operating, for dislocations on the *pubes* is:—

Take the knee in one hand, and the foot in the other, rotate the whole limb outward, and flex the leg on the thigh by carrying the foot over the opposite knee. Then carry the limb, foot forwards, over the opposite thigh, at the same time twisting the heel upwards, and pressing the knee down. Carry the thigh in this way over the sound one as high as the upper part of its middle third, then elevate the limb by raising the knee while the foot is held firm, at the same time making gentle oscillations, when the head of the bone will slip suddenly into its socket.—*N. Y. Jour. Medicine.*