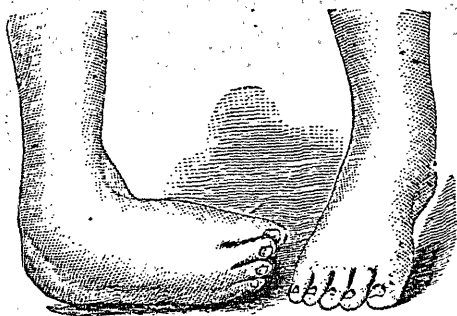


The wound, which gaped one and one-half inches (38 mm.), and extended to the bone, was entirely healed by the fourth week. At this time an ordinary shoe with a stiff counter was put upon the foot, and the little fellow runs about, the foot



(FIG. 4.)

turning outward and being nearly free from deformity. I find that the cicatrix is somewhat sensitive, and has contracted but little. The inner side of the foot has materially lengthened. The atrophied muscles are fast regaining their normal tone and size. I had the pleasure of exhibiting this patient to Dr. Alfred C. Post, of New York, who called to this village just twenty-eight days after the operation and a day or two after putting on the stiff shoe. As to the extent of the deformity, age of the patient, mode of operating, duration of treatment, and general result, I think he will verify every statement made. In a letter bearing date April 30, 1881, the Doctor says:—

“You are at liberty to say that I have seen your patient upon whom you operated for talipes by open incision, and that I regard the result as a very remarkable success.”

In another letter, dated June 14th, 1881, he says:—

“I have operated on two cases of talipes equino-varus by open myo-tenotomy. The first case was that of a child three months old. The degree of the deformity and the rigidity of the parts involved were such as I do not recollect to have seen before in so young a child. I divided the skin, the plantar fascia, the flexor brevis digitorum, the flexor longus, flexor accessorius, tibialis posticus, flexor longus hallucis, flexor brevis