

ERICHSEN, 1873 :—" Various means have been devised in order to effect the radical cure of reducible hernia. The only plan that is at the same time perfectly safe and permanently successful, is the compression of a well made truss."

T. BRYANT, 1873 :—" Every subject of a hernia should wear a truss, and, in a good proportion of cases, particularly of the young, a cure may take place ; that is, the neck of the sack may close."

HOLTHOUSE—1874 :—" To conclude, a properly constructed and properly applied truss ought not only to prevent the descent of the rupture, but in a large proportion of young persons radically to cure it."

T. HOMES, 1875 :—" In no case of reducible hernia should the continued support of a truss be omitted. An impression prevails that an infant may be too young to wear a truss, but no error can be more unfortunate. The wearing of a truss may, it has been said, prove curative."

G. DOWELL, 1876 :—" The truss should be worn constantly, if the patient expects to be radically cured, as every return of the hernia will leave the opening as patulous as before. The ratio of radical cures by the truss is in proportion to age, the time of protrusion of the tumor, and the size of the orifice and tumor."

