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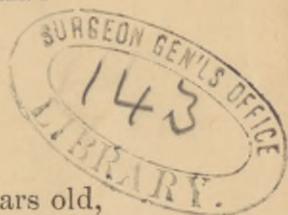
CASE
OF
FRACTURE OF THE NECK OF THE SCAPULA.

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THIS rare accident occurred in a boy five years old, who had been struck by a falling door, receiving a contused wound just in front of the right ear and an injury of the right shoulder, the precise nature of which does not seem to have been at first recognized. When I saw the case, on the third day, there was a good deal of pain and tenderness with moderate swelling, but very little deformity. Careful examination showed that there was no fracture of either the humerus or the clavicle, nor of either the acromion or the coracoid process; but the latter appeared to move with the head of the humerus, and, by grasping the neck of the scapula between the fingers laid upon the shoulder and the thumb thrust firmly into the axilla, deep-seated crepitus was elicited upon the arm being forcibly rotated. The treatment consisted in maintaining the arm in the "Velpeau position" by means of broad adhesive strips and a bandage, and a satisfactory cure was effected in the course of four weeks. Though the diagnosis in this case lacks, of course,

the confirmation of dissection, the symptoms are, I think, sufficiently characteristic to warrant its being added to the examples of fracture of the neck of the scapula, or, which, perhaps, would be a better name, fracture through the supra-scapular notch, recorded by Cooper and other writers.