CASE OF DOUBLE COXA VARA.

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The above condition was observed in the son of a sergeant of a regiment stationed at Shorncliffe. The boy, aged 9, was delicate-looking and anaemic, much smaller than he should have been for his age. His mother states he was a strong, healthy child until the age of four, when he had an attack of pneumonia, after which he was always ailing. The present complaint commenced four years ago. The boy walked with a waddling gait. Examination revealed that the movements of the hip-joint were free except in abduction, which latter was very limited; there was some permanent flexion of both hip-joints; no tenderness on movement or pressure over these joints; both the great trochanters appeared high and abnormally near the crests of the ilium; the left leg was half an inch shorter than the right. A radiograph disclosed the condition of double coxa vara. The photograph shows well the bending of the necks of the femur, as it also shows the partial dislocation of the head of the bone from the acetabulum, which is a consequence of all advanced conditions of this disease.

Drawing reduced by half from an X-ray photograph of Double Coxa Varus.