

(Two-thirds of the actual size.)

The sound was lately used by myself in the case of a patient under the care of Mr. S. Wells. The anticipations formed as to its utility have been fully verified.

Radnor-place, Hyde-park, March, 1859.

REMARKABLE CASE OF OBESITY IN A HINDOO BOY AGED TWELVE YEARS.

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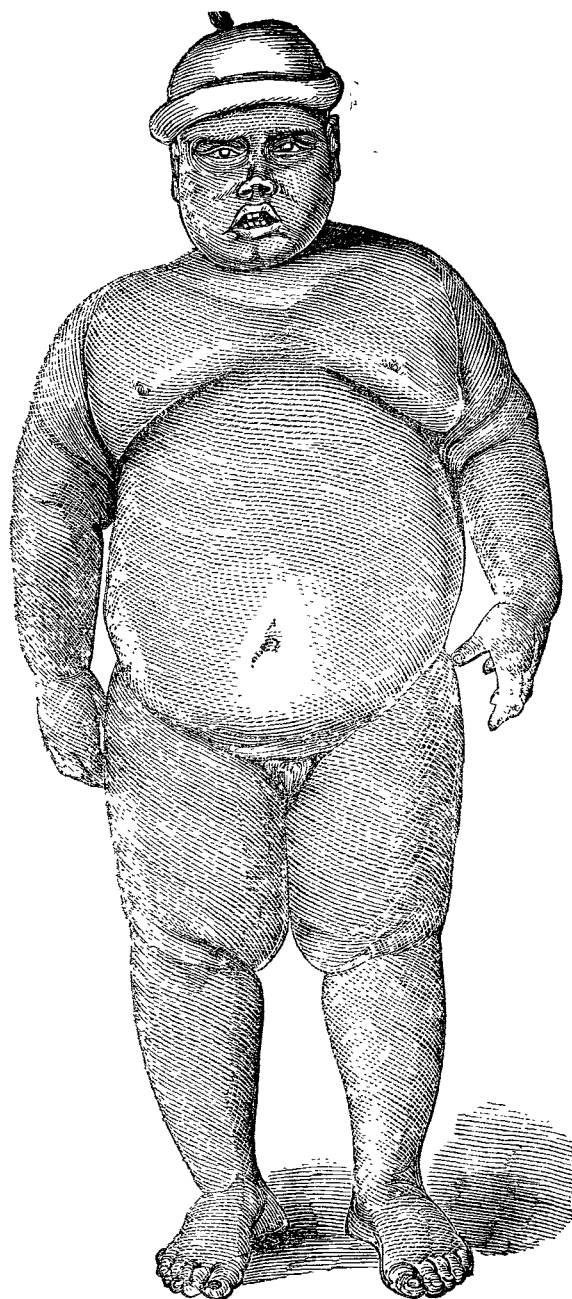
ASSISTANT-SURGEON H.M. 28TH REGIMENT.

THE accompanying engraving, from a photograph, is a very good representation of a Hindoo boy, known in the streets of Bombay under the *soubriquet* of the "Fat Boy." As he has lately attracted considerable notice in Bombay, and as his case is a very remarkable example of perverted nutrition, I shall give a few particulars regarding him.

Shakarm, a Mahratta, aged twelve years, was born at Malwan, a village in the Concan, near Goa. His father and mother both died several years ago, and he is now a beggar, living on the bounty of the many charitable citizens of Bombay. In his second year he became very fat, and the obesity has increased with his growth, year by year, till his whole body is now encased in an immense mass of solid adipose tissue, which hangs in pendulous folds over his chest and hips, and the flexures of his limbs. He enjoys excellent health, and has a moderately good appetite, living chiefly on dhal (peas) and rice. He has no complaint whatever, except a difficulty of breathing when he subjects himself to any very rigorous exercise. His appearance is extremely odd, and he walks with

difficulty, and when tired rests himself by leaning his pendulous abdomen against a wall. He is about the average height of Hindoo boys of his age, and his members are proportionately developed in every part; the genital organs, however, are not larger than those of an infant, while the testes are very small, and seem either to be undeveloped or to have become atrophied. He has beautiful teeth and eyes, and is highly intelligent. His weight and dimensions are as follow:—

Weight	...	...	...	...	206lbs.
Height	...	...	...	...	48½ inches
Girth of chest	...	...	...	...	39 "
" abdomen	...	...	...	...	43 "
" thigh	...	...	...	...	27 "
" calf	...	...	...	...	16 "
" arm	...	...	...	...	15½ "
Length of foot	...	...	...	...	6½ "



Town Barracks, Bombay, 1859.

ON A CASE OF RETROVERSION OF THE UTERUS, AND RETENTION OF URINE.

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THE following case presents some points of interest:—

I was sent for at nine P.M., a short time since, to see an Irishwoman, who was, of course, dying. I found her suffering