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repeated each day or two with the foot held by a cohesive (Gauztape) bandage, with a soleplate of wood and a covering of waterproof strapping.

The illustrations of results are excellent and a spur to any clinician to increase his efforts to obtain a plantigrade supple foot by simple methods diligently applied. Much of the monograph, however, is a report, without discussion, of the work of American, British, and German authorities to which work it is a good guide. The lack of discussion and the failure to state clearly his own views on aetiology and pathology detract from the value of this work.

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