A BRAIN ABSCESS DRAIN.

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The instrument here illustrated, is made according to the opturator canula principle. The canula or drain is made of metal and has a round, smoothly screwed surface—the train is mounted on a leader or opturator—the leader being round and blunt at one end and having a thumb screw at the other end. When the brain abscess is located, the canula, mounted on a rod, is

screwed into the abscess cavity; the leader is now withdrawn, leaving the canula. The abscess cavity can now be packed with gauze through the canula opening. As the abscess cavity heals, the canula can be unscrewed a little at each dressing, until it is finally withdrawn.

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The authors are enthusiastic over heliotherapy in tuberculosis of the larynx. The ultraviolet or actinic rays of the spectrum are the ones that produce the beneficial results. The sunlight is reflected into the larynx by means of a metallic condensing mirror. Under the use of this method they have seen obstinate ulcers heal in some cases, infiltrations subside, painful lesions become painless, in fact a steady cleaning up and healing of tuberculosis laryngeal lesions. Occasionally at the beginning of treatment they have seen infiltrations break down into small ulcerations, which then proceeded to heal under the continued use of the light.