ABSCESS OF THE CARTILAGINOUS NASAL SEPTUM. (TRAUMATIC.) DEFORMITY CORRECTED BY THE SUBCUTANEOUS INJECTION OF PARAFFIN.*

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The patient, a young man of 16, was hit on the tip of the nose while boxing. He did not suffer much pain after the accident, but was unable to breathe comfortably. Under the advice of a physician he used cold applications, but no other special treatment, and went about for a week feeling no discomfort other than the nasal occlusion. During the second week after the accident he had fever and chills, and was given quinine under the suspicion of

having malarial infection. The third week he was referred to me for correction of the seeming dislocation of the cartilage. At this time the deformity had caused a marked obstruction in both nares. On probing, a fluctuating mass was discovered on both sides, and after incision two drams of pus were evacuated. The wound was drained by a piece of gauze drawn through the incision on both sides, and after a week or ten days the abscess cavity healed up. Then the subcutaneous injection of paraffin was made with quite a satisfactory result.

In my private practice, I have seen four cases of septal abscess due to external trauma. Prompt incision and drainage would relieve it always; and if practiced early, this treatment would prevent the unsightly deformity that this patient presented at the initial examination. I have never seen so marked a deformity due to an acute affection of the nasal septum as in the present instance.

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