The cavities were gently curetted, and "vigorously rubbed" with iodine glycerite, packed with iodoform gauze, and covered with a pressure bandage. They rapidly healed.—*Archives of Otolaryngology*, vol. xxiii., No. 3.

BOILS IN THE EAR.

As a microbicide, naphtholate of soda, 4 or 5 to 1000, is recommended by DE ROSSI, of Rome.—*Annales des Maladies de l'Oreille*, tome xx., No. 5, p. 503.

ACOUSTIC SIGNALS AND RAILROAD EMPLOYÉS.

GRAZZI maintains that the ears should be examined as carefully as the eyes in those applying for employment on railroads. He also claims that the employés who are exposed to acoustic signals should be examined periodically, and many of these signals diminished in intensity as being injurious to hearing.

KIRCHNER, too, urged the importance of examining periodically the ears of railway employés.

MOOS stated that most of the rules named by Grazzi are in force in the Grand Duchy of Baden.

ZENES and POLITZER stated that in neither Hungary nor in Austria are the ears of railway employés examined.—Eleventh International Congress, *Annales des Maladies de l'Oreille*, tome xx., No. 5.

EXCISION OF THE MALLEUS.

A. EITELBERG, in writing of this operation, says its chief indication is caries of this bonelet. In sclerosis of the middle ear its application, though attended sometimes with relief of tinnitus and deafness, even in the unoperated ear through the synergetic action of the two tensores tympanorum, is usually followed by suppurative otitis media, the outcome of which no one can foresee.—*Annales des Maladies de l'Oreille*, tome xx., No. 5.

SYPHILIS OF THE EAR.

TOEPLITZ gives an account of a case in which the labyrinth was first attacked without previous otitis media. This occurred in the second stage of the malady, coincidentally with roseola and buccal mucous patches. Deafness first called attention to the malady and led to the diagnosis of syphilis. There were attacks of vertigo. Cure followed mercurial inunctions and injections of pilocarpine.—*Annales des Maladies de l'Oreille*, tome xx., No. 5.

THE TREATMENT OF TINNITUS IN AURAL SCLEROSIS.

DR. R. W. SEISS, of Philadelphia, recommends as the most advantageous methods of controlling "that never altogether curable disease," "proper treatment of the naso-pharynx first, methods directed to the Eustachian tubes next, and immediate local treatment of the tympanum last, in order of efficiency."