

singing. A more attentive examination of the larynx showed that the vocal bands were not at the same level. Dr. Mendoza proposed the question whether in case a similar condition should occur in a professional singer the indication would be to operate a second time in order to attempt to place the divided parts in exact juxtaposition, and thus restore the normal plane of the deviated vocal band. No comments upon this question accompany the report.

**Laryngectomy for Carcinoma.**—PROF. E. FLETCHER INGALS, of Chicago, read an article on laryngectomy for carcinoma at a recent meeting of the American Medical Association (*Journal of American Medical Association*, March 7, 1903), in which he reproduced the clinical remarks made by the late Prof. Fenger, who performed the laryngectomy, the last operation of his life's work. This lecture presents an excellent concise summary on the subject of laryngectomy. As far as regards the case operated upon, recovery was uneventful.

**Sarcoma of the Pharynx.**—An additional case of failure of the Röntgen rays in a case of sarcoma of the pharynx has been reported by DR. HENRY PERKINS MOSELEY (*American Medicine*, January 31, 1903) among a series of twelve cases of malignant disease thus treated.

**Foreign Bodies in the Oesophagus.**—DR. R. J. WARD, of East Barrington, N. H., reports (*American Medicine*, February 7, 1903) a case in which he removed a fish-bone, one inch in length, from the oesophagus by making the patient swallow a snarl of ordinary grocer's twine, which was then withdrawn, entangling the foreign body.

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**Diseases of the Ear and Life Insurance.**—BURGER (*Klinische Vorträge aus dem Gebiete der Otologie*, etc., Band v., Heft 4) believes that the condition of the ears is not given sufficient attention by the insurance companies in accepting applications for life insurance. The ordinary examiner is unable to determine properly the risk on an applicant with an ear affection.

An applicant with acute inflammation of the outer or middle ear should not be accepted until after the complete cessation of the affection. The