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Acute Inflammation of the Middle Ear—How Shall we Treat It?—

H. O. RIEK—*Mary. Med. Journ.*, October, 1899.

The author mentions those cases of frequent earaches occurring in children, and passing away without suppuration, but returning on the slightest provocation. In these instances examination of the throat will reveal some form of inflammation, enlarged tonsils or adenoid tissue in the pharynx.

Where redness of the drum is seen with bulging, prompt incision is recommended. Leeching is also suggested as a good remedy. Antiseptic precautions should be taken before incising the membrane. Hot water douching also affords relief. The local application which has given the writer the most satisfaction is a combination of cocain muriate gr. ii, atrop. sulph., gr. j., aq. dest. ʒj. Eight to ten drops being placed in the canal, after being heated. Calomel in small doses should be administered, and the nose and throat should receive attention.

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Report of a Case of Acute Purulent Endo-Mastoiditis Developed in the Course of a Chronic Otorrhea; Followed by an Extra-Dural Abscess with Sloughing of the Dura Mater; Metastatic Abscess of the Lung with Spontaneous Evacuation of the Cavity—Recovery—P. M. PAYNE—*Annal Otol. et Rhinol.*, August, 1899.

An interesting case of a Spanish cabin boy, aged sixteen, brought to the New Orleans Sanitarium, December 9, 1897. A Schwartze operation was performed by Dr. A. McShane. Temperature continued at about 103°. Cough and rigors developed, and suppuration was so foul and abundant that an extensive Stacke was done December 17th. Temperature fluctuated from 96°₁₀° to 106° until December 29th, when a mass was observed to pulsate in the wound which proved to be a slough of the dura mater. Thorough irrigation removed much fetid pus from the region of the lateral sinus, after which he seemed better, continuing until January 27th, when he was discharged. The site of the lung abscess was never located, its existence being determined by the bad smelling pus which he coughed up daily, especially during the rise of temperature.

A letter written from Liverpool, and dated March 3d, acknowledged himself in a perfect state of general health with complete recovery from the local affection.

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Otitis Media—Diagnosis and Treatment—M. A. GOLDSTEIN—*Interstate Med. Jour.*—November, 1899.

This paper, a clinical lecture before the McDowell Medical Society of Missouri, discusses in order the several forms of otitis media, congestive, suppurative and non-suppurative. The author believes that atrophic is the sequel of hypertrophic rhinitis, and