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THE dual title of this article is necessitated by the relation existing surgically between the two subjects.

The subject of this paper was suggested to me about a year ago by the unfortunate result following an ordinary operation for the removal of a few lymphatic glands from the axilla of a child. An outline of the case is as follows:

Several months before I saw the boy, aged about six or seven years, the glands in the axilla became inflamed, and finally suppurated; the abscess opened and discharged, and eventually healed to a very small sinus, which continued to discharge. The patient was referred to me by Dr. Joseph E. Winters. On examination, I could readily feel a number of glands against the chest wall, and there was present a small and short sinus. I thought it possible to close it by local treatment without operation, which the family wished to avoid, so I treated the patient by ordinary

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