

discomfort ; the bread brought on the pain. In the case of the bread, deglutition was perceptibly delayed. Auscultation, beyond corroborating delayed deglutition, in the case of the bread, furnished no definite information, as the "pharyngeal sound" (*glou-glou*) obscured the "œsophageal sound."

Several of my medical friends have examined this patient at intervals, but none of them were able to detect any signs of old or present chest disease.

Diagnosis. Spasm was excluded because of constant dysphagia and the fact that liquids were swallowed with much less discomfort than solids.

Malignant disease by age, etc.

Chronic œsophagitis having been diagnosed, a bougie was not passed.

Treatment. An absolutely fluid dietary was insisted upon for a fortnight, and bismuth lozenges were prescribed. After the expiration of the fortnight the patient was much better ; but she declaring her belief that the lozenges did no good, these were discontinued. Light farinaceous food, with eggs and jellies, was then ordered, and in about three months such articles as tripe, minced meat, etc., were permitted. In six months the lady was able to take ordinary diet, but even then a very hard "morsel" sufficed to produce some discomfort in deglutition.

In connection with the foregoing case I desire to express my indebtedness to the late Sir Morell Mackenzie, whose lucid description first called my attention to the true nature of this disease.

REMARKABLE INCREASE IN BODILY GROWTH FOLLOWING the REMOVAL of TONSILS and ADENOIDS.

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A YOUTH, P. T., aged seventeen, was brought to me two years ago with a view to eliciting my opinion as to the reason of his remarkably short stature. His brothers all measured over six feet, but my patient only five feet three and a half inches, while his weight was only seven stone seven pounds. I was led by his appearance to consider him the possessor of post-nasal adenoids, and possibly enlarged tonsils. On examination this view was confirmed, and I recommended the necessary operative procedures, which I carried out next day. These were entirely satisfactory, and I saw no more of the patient for two years, when he called upon me in the person of a well-grown man, having in that time increased in height from five feet three and a half to five feet ten inches, and in weight from seven stone seven to ten stone. His brothers had attained the stature already mentioned considerably before his age, and the change in him beginning *immediately* after the removal, the inference was inevitable that the change was more or less directly the result of the operation.