

ABSTRACTS.

Some Details in Eustachian Catheterization.—DUNDAS GRANT (London).—*Journ. of Laryng.*, Sept. 1901.

The author emphasizes the importance of a rhinoscopic examination before an attempt is made to introduce the catheter. Cocain in the form of spray or application lessens the patient's sensitiveness and facilitates manipulation.

Numerous suggestions are offered in cases where nasal obstruction exists. The use of the nasal speculum will assist the operator materially.

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Nasal Prosthesis by Means of Injections of Solid Paraffine According to the Method of Eckstein.—BRÖCKHAERT—Revue Hebdomadaire de Laryngologie, D'Otologie et de Rhinologie, Dec. 7, 1901.

The author believes this method an important addition to modern surgery. The complications which have thus far been reported, such as two cases of pulmonary emboli, one by Pfannenstiel 2, of Breslau, and the other by Halban 3, of Vienna, will probably be avoided by modifications in the composition, or by raising its melting point.

The advantage of paraffine over vaseline is that it is not absorbed, especially if rapid solidification is insured according to the method of Eckstein. A capsule of connective tissue is gradually formed, which prevents absorption.

The author reports two cases of saddle-back nose and one case of epicanthus, which were treated by means of injections of paraffine with permanently good results.

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A Criticism on Certain Aural Methods, Formulæ, and Diagnosis.—E. W. PYLE—N. Y. Eye and Ear Infirmary Reports, Jan. 1901.

The essential demand of this paper is for prophylaxis, the author admitting the intractableness of well established or chronic disease of the ear, with organic chancre. More attention should be paid to this feature of dispensary service, and more efficient home treatment secured. Hence, a chair of instruction for the propagation of prophylactic knowledge, in the treatment of the simpler conditions of disease (douche, syringe and general hygiene) should be established in every dispensary. The author details his methods of using the accessories and is explicit in his description of his ideas and methods in the treatment of tubal catarrh, the indications for instillations, post-auricular abscess, and the several conditions included under the acute inflammatory processes.

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