

observation, the examination of the ear produced at once a well-marked epileptic fit; he was then subjected to a complete radical mastoid operation, and a year later he reported that he had been free from attacks ever since. In another case, a young girl suffering from severe epilepsy and chronic suppuration of the middle ear experienced very great diminution in the number and severity of the attacks when the "alcohol treatment" for the middle ear was instituted; there was in her ear a slight cholesteatomatous condition, and it was very striking to hear how convinced she was that, whereas watery drops produced confusion and discomfort, the instillation of alcohol drops at once "cleared her head." The conditions before mentioned were only a few out of the numerous possible peripheral sources of irritation, and their removal was not always followed by the same happy results. They were, however, sufficiently numerous and sufficiently marked to claim the careful attention of all those who undertook the treatment of epilepsy.

Abstracts.

MOUTH, Etc.

Lambret.—*Branchial Fistula in the Neck.* "L'Echo Méd. du Nord.," August 26, 1900.

The patient was a man fifty-seven years old. In January he noticed a small swelling below the angle of the jaw in the left side of the neck. This increased to the size of a walnut; being taken for an abscess, it was incised and drained, but would not heal. Fluid injected at the outer end entered the mouth just in front of the base of the anterior pillar. Treatment by injections, by curetting, etc., had not been successful.

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NOSE, Etc.

Hamilton, W. D.—*Two Cases of Growths in the Frontal Sinus; Operation; Recovery.* "Journ. Amer. Med. Assoc.," January 26, 1901.

The literature on this subject is scant. Kikuze in 1888 published a list of fifty-four cases in which tumours had been removed from the frontal sinus, of whom eighteen died of sepsis. No tabulated list for the last twelve years could be found. The author narrates two cases, the first of which, a man of thirty-six, was struck on the forehead with a stick at fourteen years of age, leaving a swelling which was opened and a quantity of pus evacuated. It never entirely disappeared, but continued to increase up to the time of admission to the hospital. He had recently had headache and vertigo. A swelling above the line of