

*Narrow Narics.*—The septum may not be deflected, but is irregular and very much thickened. The cartilage of the septum may be nearly one quarter of an inch in thickness, and when this is covered by perichondrium and mucous membrane, the total thickness of the septum may reach nearly two-fifths of an inch. This in a narrow nose is considerable.

When the patient has a slight cold in the head, the turbinates become swollen, and soon are in contact with the septum. A submucous resection of the septum will increase the width of each nostril by one-eighth of an inch, and this is considerable in such a narrow space. Of course, it may be said, why not cauterize the turbinates, or even remove the anterior end of the inferior turbinate? The importance of saving the normal mucous membrane in the nose is so great, that we should sacrifice time and labor to accomplish it.

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