

priori, no danger would seem to be reasonably apprehended. Cysts, anywhere and everywhere, are treated with it, and whether as an aid to diagnosis or to treatment, abscesses of the liver, periodical effusions, and dropsical swellings of the joints, are dealt satisfactorily with by this pneumatic method.

*Carbolic Acid.*—Before passing to special subjects I have merely to observe that carbolic acid has now fairly taken its place in surgery. It is needless, therefore, to criticise its claim. It has been enthusiastically adopted by some, and as sternly rejected by others; but a little less enthusiasm on the one side, and of obstinacy on the other, and carbolic acid settles down into its appropriate niche of usefulness—not, in killing germs, hatched by enthusiasts for the nonce that they *might* be killed, but in diminishing suppuration and in opposing septicæmia.

Passing to the domain of Special Surgery I shall have time but to allude to the vast strides made in Ophthalmology Entropion and Ectropion, (those troublesome diseases which hitherto resisted all efforts at permanent alleviation) are now managed by Schnell and others differently, and with lasting success. Obstructions of the duct are treated by a new method which preserves the patency of the natural channel. The classic operation of Weber no longer holds empire and sway—but has given place to those of Von Graeffe and Liebreich.

The ear, which some aurists taught us to respect so far as to advise us not to permit the introduction to the tympanum of an instrument smaller or sharper than the elbow and that, the elbow of the owner of the ear, now tolerates, not only punctures of the membrane of the tympanum, but tenotomy of its tensor near the malleus—or of myotomy in its course—an operation which, early and judiciously performed, will often relieve suffering and preserve the integrity of the whole organ.

Paracentesis of the membrane of the tympanum, and the use of the air douce in purulent inflammation, or catarhal or hemorrhagic effusions, may not always preserve hearing