

forceps and pulled it away. Another took its place in the nostril at once. On removal of this the bleeding was frightful, its root and that of the other so friable that the usual twist had no effect. To stop this I had to plug the posterior nasal aperture, in which proceeding I thought I felt the rounded end of a third growth lying on the superior surface of the soft palate. Patient was requested to return in two hours time for removal of plug. This done, a solution of tannin was thrown up by a Pollitzer instrument, but failed to pass up left nostril and down right. This suggested examination, and a large polyp was found where suspected. Various clever attempts were made at snaring this with the assistance of Dr. Fraser, who happened to be present, but to no purpose, so in the absence of a vulsellum, polypus and other forceps were used, likewise to no purpose. Then I passed the point of my right index finger behind the soft palate, patient freely gnawing my hand, and tried hard to break the pedicle of the growth by pressing down its lobe. In this I succeeded partially, and so brought the mass into view. It was then laid hold of by catch forceps and dragged out. No hæmorrhage followed. The man is now strong and well, and without symptoms of disease. I think the pedicle was attached partly to the nasal septum and partly to base of skull. Getting the growth out occupied more than two hours, the patient fainting several times from previous loss of blood and weakness. I had an opportunity of witnessing the prolonged stimulating effects of ammonia, and feel assured that if I had to trust to alcohol, with the wretched, depressing, and stupefying effects sure to have followed doses sufficient to stimulate to the same extent as the ammonia did, I should either have failed or come very near doing so. I never use either wine or brandy in practice, considering alcohol admissible only as the solvent of active principles of drugs.

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*Vesico-Vaginal Lithotomy in a Child Seven years old.* By S. H. TEWKSBURY, M.D., of Portland, Maine.

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The history of the case is shown by a letter from Dr. C. F. Bonney, of Cornish, in which he says: "Was called, Nov. 15th, to visit a child of Mr. John Chandler, Upper Bartlett, N. H.; was accompanied from North Conway, by Dr. Bragdon, who, at the time, was in charge of the case. I found the patient lying on her left side, with lower extremities strongly flexed upon the trunk, and presenting a sad picture of long and intense suffering. I