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## Editorial.

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### WESTERN OPHTHALMOLOGIC AND OTO-LARYNGOLOGIC ASSOCIATION.

The Western Ophthalmologic and Oto-Laryngologic Association held its fifth annual meeting at St. Louis, on the 5th, 6th and 7th of April. The President, Dr. W. Schep-  
pergrell, of New Orleans, opened the meeting with a paper on "The Rise of Specialism," in which he disproved the oft-repeated charge that specialism in medicine are modern innovations. He cited historical data dating several centuries before Christ, in which distinct reference was made to specialists of the eyes, stomach and the head. The essayist commended specialists in medicine, as they promote more detailed study, and therefore lead to higher medical attainments.

J. W. Bullard, M.D., of Pawnee City, Neb., read a paper on "Two Classes of Eye Cases that Give Me a Great Deal of Trouble." Chief among them was those in which irritation and dryness of the conjunctiva persisted in spite of every attempt at refraction which had been made.

Edwin Pynchon, M.D., of Chicago, "Slight Irregularities of the Nasal Septum." The author advocated the removal or correction of slight irregularities of the septum when there were disturbances of the nasal functions on account of their presence. If later and larger development justified their