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NOTES ON A RECENT VISIT TO SURGICAL CLINICS IN GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND.*

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During a recent visit to Europe the writer had an opportunity of visiting a number of surgical clinics, both in Germany and Switzerland, and he considered it might be of some interest to the members of the Academy of Medicine to narrate some of his experiences, and to note some comparison of the methods employed in the different hospitals in the countries visited.

At Heidelberg Professor Narath began his clinic in the early morning, as is common in most German hospitals, and conducted it in a large operating theatre, sufficiently commodious to accommodate the entire class, consisting of seventy-five students. The method of instruction was excellent. It was at once evident that the professor was an expert anatomist, as well as a surgeon of ability. He used the blackboard freely with colored chalks, and demonstrated by this means the anatomical details of the case under inspection; thus, in the case of a boy with fracture at the lower end of the humerus, with paralysis of the ulnar nerve, he demonstrated diagrammatically the distribution of the nerve, going into such detail as the osseous and facial attachments of the interossei muscles.

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