

been extensive degeneration of the mucous membrane, or where radical measures have been undertaken, we cannot expect this. Operation measures, as scraping the cavity, etc., mean that granulation tissue grows, which ultimately is replaced by scar-tissue. The secreting area is altered and at certain seasons, one finds a mucoid discharge for a time.

So far as the patient is concerned who has a continuous nasal discharge, he is cured, but one must remember that he has not restored the lining of the cavity to normal. I am sure if we take the pains to irrigate many of our antral cases, especially during a head cold, we will find more or less mucous discharge, especially will this be found to be the case if the trouble is taken to irrigate into a black basin. A fair amount of discharge can escape detection if looked for in a white basin.

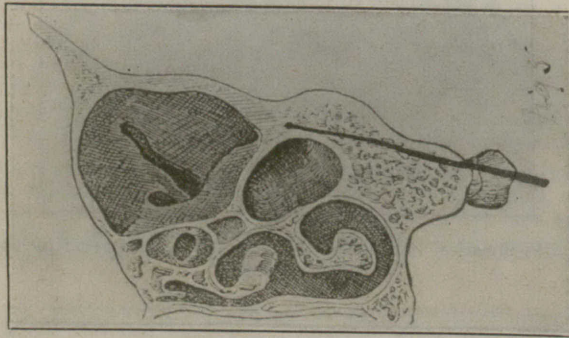


FIG. 5.—Shows the difficulty of perforating the antrum, through a tooth socket, if the cavity be small or situated a little more than usual towards the middle line.

(9) The character and extent of the discharge does not offer any certain indication as to the length of treatment necessary, or the best method to pursue.

(10) Accessory sinus suppuration may produce severe constitutional mischief, as anaemia etc., keep wounds made elsewhere from healing or be a source of special infection, as erysipelas, etc. Bacteriological examination should always be made of the pus, and scraping of the diseased mucous membrane examined.

(11) The specific solution used to irrigate the cavity is of less importance than the volume. One should not forget that he will conduce greatly to the patient's comfort if he uses real warm solutions. For myself I like either hot normal saline, or in cases that smell badly, Chinosol; solutions may with advantage be changed frequently.

(12) The neuralgic pain that not infrequently follows acutely inflamed antra which have ceased to suppurate, responds to nothing so well as a few irrigations of a hot lotion. I have had patients ask for this as it relieves their neuralgia so much.