

when I suggested that measures should be taken to assist nature in the removal of so large a piece of dead bone. The boy's mother then took him away from the Dispensary. At the end of a year, I met the patient in the street, and was told that a large piece of bone had come away, and that his jaw was now quite well.

The exposure to the fumes of phosphorus seems in this case to have been very slight. There are similar cases on record. Mr. S. Jas. A. Salter quotes two. In the one (Pluskal's case), a little girl, seven years of age, was attacked with necrosis of the lower jaw owing to her habit of playing with matches, standing before a wall and discharging them in the dark for amusement; while in the other (Simon's case), the disease appears to have been brought about by a person chewing pieces of ginger which he kept in his pocket with some lucifer matches.

CASE II.—*Alveolar Abscess, pointing externally.*—M. G., æt. 45, cabman. Nine days ago left jaw began to swell. Presented himself at the Montreal Dispensary on the 9th September, 1879. Complains of very intense pain over left ramus of the lower maxillary bone, where there is tense swelling, with obscure fluctuation. This swelling extends generally over the upper part of the neck. The front teeth can only be separated to the extent of about a quarter of an inch. Thick creamy coating on tongue; breath most horribly foetid. Made incision over the ramus of the jaw and removed an ounce of exceedingly foul-smelling pus. Pain and sense of suffocation disappeared. The patient could now open his mouth. There were three decayed teeth, with pus welling up around and through them. I could not prevail upon him to have these teeth removed. The external wound soon healed, and suppuration ceased.

CASE III.—*Swelling and Induration of Tissues about the lower jaw caused by Alveolar Suppuration.*—J. K., a nursemaid, æt. 20, had for nine or ten days been suffering from a swollen face. When she came to the Dispensary the left half of the face was puffy. Over the inferior maxillary bone the integument was