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## ORIGINAL ARTICLES

### INTRANA-SARCOMA, WITH RE- PORT OF A CASE

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In view of the rarity of intra-nasal sarcoma, and the unsatisfactory results of treatment, I desire to place on record a case of round-celled sarcoma of the nasal passage, in which a cure has apparently been effected.

This assumption is based on the fact that although 21 months have elapsed since the growth was removed last, there has been no recurrence. It is admitted that primary nasal sarcoma, when promptly and thoroughly removed, is not as likely to recur as when situated elsewhere.

The conclusion which Bosworth draws from an analysis of 42 cases reported up to 1889 is that "sarcoma of the nose apparently does not possess the same malignant tendencies as it does when situated in other localities."

In the literature of this subject appearing subsequent to Bosworth's tabulation, 21 cases are referred to in which operative treatment was employed. In ten of these no recurrence was noted during the time they were under observation. Only one

of the cases, however, was followed for more than a year; it is therefore probable that had observations been made for a longer period, the number of cures reported would be lessened.

The case herewith reported is of special interest with regard to treatment, two different methods having been employed. The one operation by use of the snare and curette, the other toxic, viz.: the injection into the growth of Coley's Toxins of Erysipelas and Prodigiosus.

### CASE REPORT.

Mrs. S., age 49, farmer's wife, presented herself for examination on July 9, 1895, complaining of nasal obstruction on the right side, impaired sense of smell, occasional nose bleed difficult to arrest, pain over the side of the face and head, impairment of the general health, loss of weight and appetite, and a constant sense of fatigue.

The foregoing symptoms have come on during the last two months, and are attributed to a severe "cold" in the head.

In appearance the patient is emaciated and poorly nourished, facial expression is drawn and anxious, muscles soft and flabby, skin dry and harsh. She is free from organic or functional disease, and gives a negative family and personal history.

Externally the nose presents no ab-