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## Original Communications.

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### Necrosis of the Palate.

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On Wednesday, July 5th, 1893, Miss M. J., æt. 25, a manufacturer's daughter, residing in the country, came to consult me concerning a swelling involving the soft tissues overlying that portion of the hard palate existing between the left lateral incisor and first molar teeth, and extending inwards toward the median line of the palate. The swelling would at times increase, and then decrease in size. It was first noticed about twelve months ago, but it gave no particular annoyance that the patient could trace to it as a cause. The mucous membrane involved in the swelling was of a normal color. The only local symptom noticed was "droppings in the throat," associated with an offensive breath odor. The constitutional symptoms were manifested only in a slight general anæmia, as indicated by dizziness on rising in the morning and failing eyesight.

On examination, the teeth presented the appearance of a denture that had received careful attention on the part of the patient. Most of the teeth contained fillings—the four superior incisor teeth had large gold stoppings. None of the teeth were sensitive to pressure, nor did they, to the knowledge of the patient, ever present symptoms of local disease processes. The gums also had a normal appearance. The dark