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CASE OF ŒSOPHAGOTOMY.

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On the morning of June 8th, 1870, Annie D., aged 1 year 11 months, swallowed a New Brunswick cent (one inch in diameter). Vomiting came on immediately, and lasted twenty-four hours. From this time up to June 13th, when she was first seen by me, she suffered from slight dyspnoea and choking cough, with hoarseness and indistinctness of utterance. Could only swallow liquids.

Present Condition.—Child healthy looking. Some feverishness. Tongue coated in centre and at posterior part with dirty-white fur.

On examination with finger, the edge of the coin, lying transversely in the throat, could be barely touched. The neighboring parts seemed swollen, so as to interfere with the discovery of the foreign body. Chloroform was given, and various attempts made with œsophagotomy forceps (opening both laterally and antero-posteriorly) to extract it. A blunt hook, fastened to a watch-spring and whalebone, could not be