

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE EPIGLOTTIS AND SOFT PALATE.

The instrument of speech consists essentially of a collection of tubes or passage-ways connected together somewhat as shown in the following crude diagram, which I have found of assistance in explaining to pupils the functions of the epiglottis and soft palate. (See Fig. 4.)

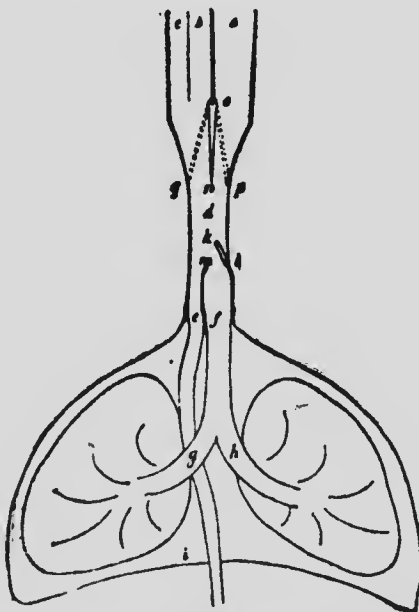


Fig. 4.

Diagram illustrating the action of the epiglottis (k) and soft palate (n).