

that it was feared the child would die during its performance; repeated insufflation of air through the canula was subsequently necessary, in order to establish respiration; some hours afterwards, symptoms of pneumonia set in, of which the child died about thirty hours after the operation. The third case was that of a little boy of three years who was said to have had an attack of croup two years previously. Here too, tracheotomy was performed to prevent death by suffocation, and its immediate effect was strikingly favorable; but the child died in about fourteen hours after the operation, the fatal result having been preceded by a tolerably violent attack of fever. In conclusion, it must be observed that the parents of the children operated on belonged to the pauper class, whose wretched abodes present so many unfavorable circumstances.—*Nederlandsch Lancet.*

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