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MODERN METHODS OF INDUCING LOCAL ANAESTHESIA*

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Local Anaesthesia has been much perfected in recent years although little has appeared in literature upon this subject. With the concise and easily applied technique as at present in vogue, many of the minor and even major operations can be readily and painlessly performed, and what is more, a considerable number of them, more satisfactorily performed under it than under general narcosis.

For instance, no one who has seen a cleft palate mended under local anaesthesia while the patient is sitting up, swallowing his saliva and the few drops of blood, turning his head to suit the operator and when the operation is over, get up and walk about as if nothing had been done, will ever be tempted to go back to a general narcosis for this operation.

The same applies to many of the other operations on the mouth, nose and throat, not to mention the host of surgical pro-

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