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RESTORATION OF THE LOWER LIP AFTER ITS ENTIRE REMOVAL FOR CANCER.

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THE mutilation caused by the removal of the entire lower lip is so great that some method for its restoration should invariably be adopted. The neglect to do so is no doubt due to the complicated nature and frequent failure of such methods as those introduced by

Malgaigne, Syme, Dieffenbach and Langenbeck.

I wish to call attention to a case in which I recently modified the method of Regnier, as it is simple of execution; gangrene is impossible, and the cosmetic effect perfect. Photograph No. 1 shows how extensively the lip was affected. Four and a half years ago a warty growth appeared, which two and a half years later became cancerous, and was removed by a quack with plasters. A year later it returned and was treated in a similar manner. The present growth began last August. Glands could not be felt.

With scissors the part was freely removed, the cut extending in a curved direction from the angles of the mouth to within threequarters of an inch of lower margin of chin. Two inches below this wound a parallel incision was made five inches in length through the skin down to the periosteum, and the bridge of skin freed. A second bridge of skin was raised below this, one inch wide and two inches in length. Several enlarged submental glands were removed. The upper bridge of skin was slid up in contact