

lower canaliculus was freely divided to the sac, and after having been allowed to remain quiet for two or three days, a probe, passed in the direction of the nasal duct, revealed the presence of a stricture in that canal. The larger division of Weber's biconical sound was then forcibly pushed through the constricted portion, and after a few minutes, withdrawn. This operation was repeated about once a week for six weeks, after which time the patient complained of no uneasiness, every remnant of the unsightly patch upon her cheek having disappeared.

In the fifth and sixth cases the procedure employed was a compound of that of Herzenstein and Stilling. Both resulted in a perfect cure; and are remarkable, as they occurred in the same individual. I shall here state the case in the patient's own words.

J. J. C., *æt* 28, of a robust constitution, had suffered from stricture of both nasal ducts for a period of fifteen years.

When thirteen years of age, he noticed a free discharge of tears over the cheeks during the winter months. In summer he felt very little annoyance. Pressure over the lachrymal sac always caused an evacuation of water and mucus through the canaliculi. The stricture on the left side was complete from the first; but for a period of several years he could by gentle pressure force the tears downwards into the nose on the right side. These symptoms followed close after a cold resulting from exposure during a storm in December, 1869. When this patient first came to me, I slit up both canaliculi of the right side. After allowing a few days to elapse I passed a small probe through the nasal duct of the same side, which, as I previously remarked, was not completely obstructed. I then passed the larger division of Weber's biconical sound forcibly through the constriction, thus establishing a free channel into the nose. Great relief followed this operation, some time subsequently, however, the channel still remaining somewhat impeded, I introduced Stilling's knife, and notched the stricture in three different directions. Strange to say, the patient did not consider either of these operations at all severe, for they are usually very painful. Two days after the cutting operation, he was able to appear in public without any discolouration of the integument or any subsequent discomfort; in fact, the cure of the