

necessary. Though the rubber may be nipped at first, it will be found that in a very short time the bone in the immediate vicinity will be absorbed and a groove be formed, in which the drainage tube rests without its calibre being infringed in any way. The process is similar to the erosion of the bone, caused by the presence of an aneurism in close proximity.

Later on, as the ribs become more closely approximated, bony offshoots will be thrown off on either side of the sinus and the tract passes through an osseous ring. Numerous cases of this character are reported in literature, and I have met with the condition in several cases of resection of ribs for the closure of a sinus in chronic empyæma in which incision and drainage had been resorted to months before.—F. HUBER, M.D., in *Archives of Pediatrics*.

Occlusion of Steno's Duct by Salivary Calculi—Operation and Cure.—John A. Wyeth (*Med. Rec.*) reports the patient, a female, aged six years, had a large painful tumour on the right cheek, which greatly disfigured her face.

Careful palpation under chloroform did not detach any calculi, and suspecting a lymphangidma, the tumour was incised from the outside. Five spherical calculi, varying in diameter from one-sixteenth to one-eighth of an inch, were found blocked in Steno's duct. This was incised and the stones removed. The external wound was carefully united by silk sutures, and an exit for the saliva established through the mucous membrane. The patient made a perfect recovery.

The second case was a boy, who as sequelæ of scarlet fever had an occlusion of Steno's duct by stricture and salivary fistula beneath the ear. The stricture was found by dissection, the duct divided just at the proximal side of the obstruction, and the end carried into the mouth and stitched to the mucous membrane of the buccal wall. In this case the flow of saliva into the mouth was reestablished, and the fistula closed by freshening the edges and sutured.—*Archives of Pediatrics*.

Eczema in Infant.—G. R., a well-nourished boy baby of six months was brought to me on [OVER.

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