

ANOMALOUS CASES OF PRIMARY NASAL DIPHTHERIA.*

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CASE I.—K. E., aged 7. This little girl I was asked to see in consultation with the late Dr. Ross, in reference to a discharge from the right nostril. She was just recovering from a sharp attack of measles and was considered to be progressing favourably until the day before the consultation, when it was noticed that there was a thin, ichorous discharge from the right nostril, and during the day the voice became a little husky. The following morning when seen, the child was found sitting up in bed and enjoying herself with her toys, and apparently very well. Upon examination of the nose, just making its appearance within the right naris, was seen a thin membrane, quite white in colour, rather leathery in consistence, readily raised from the mucous membrane covering the septum, leaving its surface studded with several bleeding points and only in contact with the mucous membrane of the opposing inferior turbinated bone by reason of the swollen condition of the mucous membrane itself—these two conditions being sufficient to occlude that naris—the skin of the upper lip was somewhat reddened, excoriated and moist from the moderate acrid discharge coming from the affected nostril. The left nostril, after the application of a 5 per cent. spray of cocaine, was seen, by a

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