

arise from the excessive resonance of the child's chest. Now proceed to examine the posterior part of the chest ; for this the child should be held against the mother's chest with his head looking over her shoulder. In this way the whole of the back of the chest can be easily examined. Last, but by no means least, comes the examination of the mouth and throat. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of examining systematically the mouth and throat of all sick children. It is left to the last because it is here we are almost certain to meet with opposition. It may be necessary to use coercion in order to get it carried out. Commence by looking at the tongue. Sometimes the child will put it out when asked. It is a good plan to commence early to get mothers to educate their children to put out their tongue when asked. In very young children gentle pressure on the chin will often cause the mouth to be opened, when a view of the tongue can be obtained; or place a drop of cream or a little sugar just outside the lips ; the child will often put out its tongue to lick it off. In more refractory children it may be necessary to put the lower lip over the teeth and then press it down. Often the child will open its mouth so as to avoid having its lip cut. Sometimes, however, even this will fail, and you should not push the matter further ; now you should try forcing it open at the side with the handle of a tooth brush wrapped around with a portion of a small handkerchief, or you may compress the nostrils until the mouth is opened to get breath. Once you get an insight into the mouth note the state of the bucal mucous membrane, remembering that thrush, stomatitis and ulcerations are common in children. Note the number and character of the teeth, run the fingers along the gum so as to ascertain if there are any about ready to come through. If you can also use your eyes for the same purpose, you should do so. If there are, I would bear this fact in mind and assist them through.

Now proceed to examine the throat. The child should be wrapped in a good sized towel to restrain the movements