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AN EXPLANATION.

As many of our readers do not reside in Montreal it is necessary to explain the delay in the issue of our June and July numbers, a delay which we greatly regret and with which we are exceedingly annoyed. The forms for the June number were all ready for the press on the tenth of June, but on that day the printers in the publishing office were ordered out by the Typographical Union, and nothing more could be done until the strike was over on the fifteenth of July, a few days after which the June number came out. We expect to have the July issue out before the thirty-first of July and the August number will appear on the fifteenth of August, after which provided there are no more strikes or fires we hope THE RECORD will appear regularly about the middle of each month.

THE RADICAL CURE OF POLYPI OF THE NOSE.

In a very clear and able article in the *New York Medical Record* for 23rd June, Dr. Harrison Griffin sums up his conclusions as follows:—

1. The nose should be treated with the

snare till each and every polypus has been removed.

2. The after treatment with caustics and cautery tends to inflame the cavity and tends to the recurrence of these growths.

3. In the removal of these tumors the parts should be so thoroughly anaesthetized that pain is unknown, because when pain is absent the part is under the full influence of cocaine, the blood vessels are relieved of their congestion, the polypi are more easily distinguished and the main object of the operation is secured, the removal of the pedicle intact.

4. The part should be thoroughly sprayed with either witch hazel or alcohol for some time after the patient has been pronounced free from polypi.

5. With this treatment the majority of cases can be permanently cured and the rest greatly relieved.

The author draws attention to the fact that sometimes the nose is so fully packed with polypi that only a few of them can be seen, and it is only after these first two or three have been removed that the next two or three can come down into view. If this fact is not remembered and explained to the patient he may think that they are growing as fast as removed, or that they have not been properly removed at all. Of all the methods of treating these troublesome little growths we have found nothing to surpass removal by the cold steel sear made of fine piano wire.

TRINITY MEDICAL COLLEGE, TORONTO:

Having at heart the true interests of the profession in Canada and believing as we do that the standard of proficiency is more uniformly high in this than in any other English-speaking country, England not excepted, we were very much surprised and grieved to see by no less an authority than the *British Medical Journal* that one of our medical schools was offering degrees in medicine to non-residents, and it was rather