

A CONTRIBUTION TO THE STUDY OF COUGH DUE TO IRRITATION OF THE UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT.—Dr. Charles N. Cox, of Brooklyn, says that the accumulation of tenacious mucus in the nasopharynx often gave rise to a morning cough. Cough was also very commonly excited by irritation from the nasal passages or from the dry mucous membrane in atrophic rhinitis and pharyngitis. A patient with cough was too often dismissed with a prescription for a sedative, without any careful search having been made for the source of the cough. The sedative would lull the cough, but, of course, not remove the cause. It should be remembered that these irritative coughs were more than simply annoying; a constant and useless cough was not entirely devoid of danger. Dr. John O. Roe, of Rochester, says that cough was always a reflex act, and when arising from an irritation below the larynx

was invariably for the purpose of expelling mucus. Where there was no expectoration, one was justified in concluding that the cough was due to irritation in the upper respiratory tract. One of the most fruitful sources of cough above the larynx was to be found in glandular hypertrophy at the base of the tongue.

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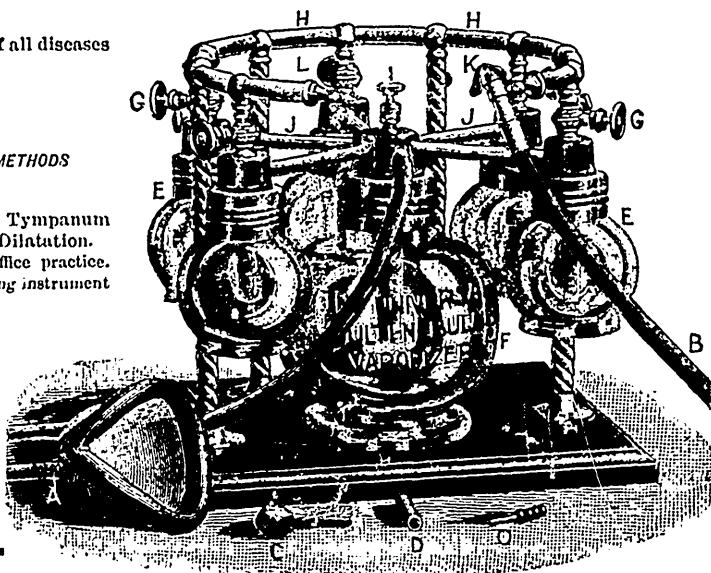
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