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CONGENITAL RANULA.

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On the 7th of September I was requested to see the infant of Mrs. R., then three or four days old. On examination, I found a large semi-transparent tumor, situated under the tongue and projecting somewhat beyond the jaw. On passing my finger into the mouth, I found that the tumor passed backwards along the right side. It was about the size of a small almond, semi-transparent, very tense, and over the surface several large veins could be seen. The tumor was of such a size that the tongue was pushed upwards and backwards to such an extent, as not only to seriously impede the action of the tongue, but entirely prevented the child from sucking.

The mother stated it was there when the child was born. The family requested a certain medical gentleman to see it, and he being of the same opinion as regarded the nature of the tumor, I at once passed a bistoury into it, making a free opening. About a drachm of a clear though very tenacious fluid, resembling saliva, was discharged. There was no hæmorrhage. The tumor almost entirely subsided, so much so that the child