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Post Operative Management of Intra Nasal Surgery.—Goldstein calls attention to the results of neglect in technique. Frequent infections follow even slight nasal operations if the first principle of surgery is neglected, viz., cleanliness—synechia, the *bête noir* of the rhinologist, were much more frequent in the days of liberal galvano-cautery. Now that restriction of this measure has followed greater experience, fewer synechia occur. Myles' long punch forceps are best for the removal of these obstructions followed by Simpson's or Bernay's Compressed Nasal Tampon, covering the lateral surfaces of the tampon with gutta percha tissue. Without the use of this tampon granulations will form on the swollen cut surfaces and new synechia appear. The impression composition used by dentists will later keep the surfaces apart. This procedure is applicable to the after-treatment in Asch's operation. Cargyle membrane is also recommended.

Pus Examination in Middle Ear Suppurations.—Phillips says that routine examination of all cases of sup-puration of middle ear should be made immediately after paracentesis. He found in acute cases that if doubtful regarding mastoid operation the finding of numerous streptococci should decide in favour of it immediately. Dench's experience was the same, and he made no