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KILLIAN'S SUBMUCOUS RESECTION OF THE NASAL SEPTUM.*

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The comparatively new submucous operation, or window resection of the nasal septum, has been so thoroughly discussed for the last three or four years in rhinological circles that very little new remains to be said about it.

Much as we owe to Killian of Friburg, and Freer of Chicago, for their many ingenious devices to overcome difficulties in the operation, and also for their cleverly designed instrumentarium. To-day we may consider the technique of the operation has nearly reached perfection. In the past, the different varieties of operations for correcting septal deformities were nearly as numerous as the number of operators; but now there is practically one operation, and that the one under discussion. As it is scientific and fairly easy to perform, it will doubtless be the operation for many years to come.

My remarks will be founded on the experience I have derived from operating on fifty-three cases. Of these, thirty-eight were adult males, and twelve adult females; the remaining three in children, their ages being seven, nine, and ten years.

The details of the operation I shall not describe, but will discuss a few points in the technique of the operation, and also indicate the usefulness of the operation for conditions other than nasal obstruction.

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