

no doubt, connected with the branchial clefts or infoldings between the post-oral arches in the development of the foetus.

We have reported this not so much because dermoid cysts are rare in the neck as that this one so closely simulated a cyst of the thyroid.

CYSTITIS.

The necessity of making a thorough examination in cases of cystitis is illustrated by the following:

Miss P. had suffered from cystitis for about three years, and during that time had received the routine treatment for that condition, but notwithstanding this, her condition had gradually grown worse. She was miserable in the extreme, was emaciated and suffered from an almost constant desire to urinate. We advised a thorough examination, and on exploring the bladder a calculus was found, which when removed by litholapaxy, weighed in the dried state three drachms. Her health gradually improved, the vesical trouble ceased and she was soon as well as could be wished.

ASEPTIC TREATMENT OF CHRONIC ULCERS.

The most successful results we have yet found in the treatment of this condition have followed the method advised by Treves in his "System of Surgery." We employed this method in twelve cases which presented the typical characteristics of the callous ulcer—the hard almost horny insensitive base, the thickened everted edges and the chronicity, some being of years duration—three, five, six, and one of twenty years. As the years went by different lines of treatment had been employed, but they had never entirely healed, or if they had it was only for a short time. They were all situated on the leg, and were of varying size, from an inch in diameter to an ulcer large enough to encircle the leg. Our experience in these twelve cases has extended over the last fifteen months, and they all without any exception responded to the following course and have remained entirely well ever since.

The method was as follows: Asepticism of ulcer and surrounding skin secured, first, by means of a thorough scrubbing with etherial soap, then with alcohol, and following this with a solution of bichloride and this washed off with sterile water.