

Successful Removal of Epithelioma of Soft Palate.

J. F. McCan (*New York Medical Journal*, August 1902) gives a report of the successful treatment of this case by a combination of methods. The growth was very large, involving the uvula and nearly the whole of the soft palate. A portion of the tumor was removed under anesthesia by the electro-cautery knife, stripping it as much as possible from the posterior pillars and soft palate. Then the ulcerated areas on the pharyngeal wall were curetted.

On subsidence of irritation the Roentgen rays were used three times a week, the sittings varying from twelve to fifteen minutes. They were continued for seven weeks. Improvement in condition commenced at once; but owing to smarting which the rays occasioned, accompanied by dizziness, the treatment had to be suspended for a time. The parts had all healed but a small spot on posterior surface of the palate.

Three weeks later the growth had commenced to extend. Under chloroform it was again curetted and cauterized with the electric knife. After this the Roentgen ray treatment was resumed. The applications, as before, were made three times a week and continued for five weeks.

On final examination the ulcer was entirely healed; scar tissue was almost unnoticeable, and the restoration of the freedom of the palate perfect.

Large Laryngeal Myxoma.

Delobel (*Jour. des Sciences Medicales de Lille*, Nov. 15th, 1902) reports the history of a case occurring in a woman aged 27 years. The tumor was easily removed under local anesthesia, with complete relief to the asphyxia. Examination proved the growth to be a myxoma—a very rare condition to be found within the laryngeal cavity.

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Care of Eyesight of School Children.

G. C. Eggers (*Medical Age*) has an instructive article on the Care of Eyesight of School Children, which may be thus abstracted. The faculty of vision is, without doubt, the most valuable and highly prized of all the senses. A child who is suffered to grow up with a defect of vision suffers much in its mental development. Many apparently dull pupils are such only because they are victims of defective eyesight.