

of a white currant, on the right side of the gullet, one inch below the cricoid cartilage. Complete recovery from the dysphagia ensued on removal of the growth. In case three, a flat lamella of bone, about four millimetres square, was seen about two inches below the cricoid cartilage, on the anterior wall of the oesophagus. It was removed with forceps, and complete recovery resulted.—*Lond. Med. Record.*

Nocturnal Incontinence of Urine in Children.—Few practitioners escape the care of frequent cases of children's nocturnal incontinence. It is one of the least dangerous, but at the same time one of the most annoying and persistent disorders of childhood, and any help we may get of a practical sort, especially in the way of prevention, will be welcome to our readers. A recent paper read before the Harveian Society by Dr. Tom Robinson has two homely hints that are of value, and to which we desire to call attention. "There is no doubt," he says, "that nurses and mothers are frequently to blame for this troublesome vice. Young children ought to be taken out of bed during the night and placed on a chamber, so as to excite their bladders to act." And again, "Fear will frequently prevent young people from rising in the dark to relieve themselves." If we instruct our patients to take up their children when they go to bed themselves, we shall do much, even in quite young children, to arrest the natural incontinence of infancy. And no parent should allow children to sleep without a dim but sufficient light, not only that they may readily find the chamber, or the water-closet, but that in case of fire or sudden illness darkness may not add its unknown terrors as a hindrance to their seeking aid, or the means of escape. If they sleep at a distance, or in different stories, the halls also should be lighted.—*Medical News.*

Do Pet Animals Communicate Contagious Diseases.—Dr. Wm. Bunce, of Oberlin, O., sends us a report of the following cases in support of the theory that pet animals may be the means of spreading fatal diseases. On May 1, 1881, he was called to see a boy 4 years old, of German