

A SIMPLE METHOD OF GETTING A BRASS RING OFF A SWOLLEN FINGER.—Some time ago a child was brought to me with a brass ring on her middle finger. Her parents tried in vain to get it off. The ring was one of those flanged ones that are found on cheap tool handles. The flanged portion was toward the hand, and the finger was much swollen, the flange being embedded in it. I was about to get instruments to attempt cutting the ring off, when my eye caught sight of one of those small endless elastic bands made of India rubber. I put it on the finger, ring fashion, and after twisting it several times so that it would constrict the finger, and pushed it over the soaped finger under the ring and next to the flange. The elastic constriction quickly reduced the edema, and the ring was easily removed, it following after the elastic, the sharp flange not even scraping the finger. This way out of a similar ring difficulty is well worth remembering.—*Charlotte Medical Journal.*

ODDS AND ENDS.

A frog hung head downward in a child's mouth till it dies is still used as a remedy for thrush in Shropshire, England. One man boasted that his little son "wore out" four frogs before he himself died of convulsions.—*The Daily Lancet.*

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