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**CASE OF PLASTIC OPERATION
 FOR DESTRUCTION OF
 NOSE BY SYPHILIS.**

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W. W.—, an undersized boy, aged fifteen. Parents alive and healthy; five brothers and sisters alive and healthy; one brother died, aged fourteen months. When aged seven he suffered for two years from his eyes (keratitis?), and at nine from a general skin eruption consisting of red,

FIG. 1.



dry, scaly patches. This lasted an uncertain period, and was followed by hard glandular swellings in the neck, which remained several years.

When aged thirteen he began to snuffle, the nose became swollen and tender, and he lost flesh rapidly. At this time (exact date uncertain) the bridge of the nose was lacerated by a stone, and the wound remained an open sore. He was treated for this condition in a provincial hospital, where it was diagnosed as lupus; but in spite of every care the disease advanced. In January, 1887, perforation took place, the nasal bones exfoliated, and the patient became alarmingly weak. He was admitted into St. John's Hospital for Skin Diseases on Feb. 24th, presenting the following conditions: Great prostration, feeble pulse, anorexia, and insomnia. The nose, except the tip and alæ, had disappeared, and in its place was an irregularly shaped aperture, an inch and a quarter by three-quarters of an inch, with ulcerating edges, opening into the nares. Discharge profuse and foul; septum gone. (See Fig. 1.) The tip and alæ were of a dusky purple colour, as if about to slough. The free edge of the soft palate ulcerating, and deeply cleft by a ragged fissure to the right of the uvula, which hung by a thin shred of tissue. Tonsils and pharynx swollen, red, and showing several shallow ulcers. Teeth irregular and ridged, but did not exhibit Hutchinson's notches well marked. Treatment: Full diet, with claret; pulv. hydr. c. creta, gr. iii., om. noc.; mist. sodi iodi. (gr. xv, of the salt) ter dies sum., nasal cavity repeatedly syringed with sol. hydr. perchlor., 1 in 1,000, and insufflated with iodoform. The case at once began to improve, and after five weeks the edges of the nasal wound had healed; the tip and alæ became normal in colour, but much contracted, so that the single nostril (the septum being gone) scarcely admitted the tip of the little finger. The nasal wound now measured one inch by half an inch; the faucial and palatal ulcera-