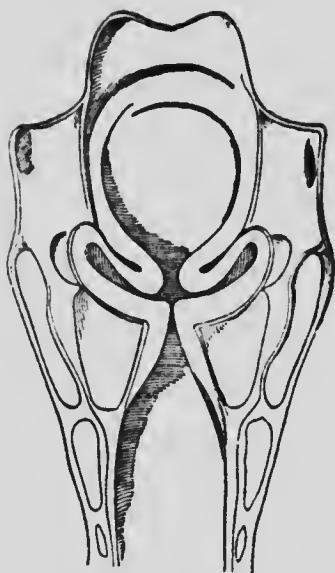


## THE LARYNX.

Fig. 1.



Vertical section of the Larynx  
as seen from behind.



Vertical section of the Larynx  
as seen from the side.

The larynx may be considered as the guard-house of the lungs, —admirably adapted to protect them from injury. It consists essentially of a box, surmounted by a movable lid, called the epiglottis, which closes during the act of swallowing, to prevent food from



entering the lungs. Inside this box are two pairs of valves. The lower pair, called the true vocal cords, stand with their free edges upward, and the upper pair, known as the false vocal cords, hang with their edges downwards. The lower pair constitute the trap doors to which I have before alluded.