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trapezius or semilingual atrophy does not determine grave constitutional embarrassment, in others the results have been disastrous.

These various considerations explain, perhaps, why this operation, seductively ingenious though it be, has so far attracted comparatively few partisans; indeed, we may well ask ourselves whether it is not likely to be abandoned as falling short of its object, the inconveniences determined by facial paralysis being, after all, less serious than those caused by the operation undertaken for the relief of the former. However this may be, should this procedure acquire a position in practical surgery, it would appear preferable, judging from the observations at our disposal, to select the hypoglossal-facial graft, thus avoiding the more serious troubles resulting from the spino-facial graft.—Medical Press and Circular.