

ment, and tending to increase the body heat; the administration of emetics in diphtheritic croup, which is utterly ineffectual except to depress and exhaust the patient; their frequent repetition in bronchitis and whooping cough when there is no extreme mucous obstruction of the air passage to justify it; the too free purging of rickety children suffering from laryngismus and convulsions, under the belief that irritant matter in the alimentary canal is the sole cause of evil. But time forbids me to do more than allude to these things. I will merely add this word of advice. In treatment, consider as carefully what not to do as what to do. To avoid doing harm is as important as to affect positive good.—*Dr. W. B. Cheadle in the Practitioner.*

FOREIGN BODIES IN THE LARYNX, ETC.

Dr. Schoyler, of Berlin, extracted (*Journ. of Lar. and Rhin.*, August, 1891) from the trachea of a girl of nineteen a needle attached to a feather. It had been aspirated, and could not be removed by traction on the feather. Laryngoscopic examination showed that it was fixed with one end in the bifurcation of the trachea and with the other on a tracheal ring. The needle was liberated by the aid of a probe introduced between it and the trachea.

A case of sudden death from escape of milk into the air-passages is reported by Dr. Emile Muller (*Gaz. Med. de Strasburg*, April 5, 1890). A child, five months of age, had no other indisposition than slightly difficult respiration when lying on its back. One morning, after having been nursed and laid down, it made a grimace as though sick at the stomach, became blue, and died in a few moments. At the autopsy the thymus gland was found larger than is usual, and the larynx, trachea, right bronchus, and all its divisions were found filled with milk. The size of the thymus explained the difficulty of respiration alluded to.

Mr. Lennox Browne reports (*The Medical Press*, December 17, 1890) an instance of supposed laryngeal cancer or phthisis in a lady thirty-five years of age, from whose larynx he had removed an impacted plate of artificial teeth which, from the history, had been aspirated into the larynx twenty-three months previously, probably during an epileptic seizure. Six weeks after its removal the patient had regained twenty-

three pounds of her lost weight. It is remarkable that laryngoscopic inspections had been made by four gentlemen who had failed to detect the presence of a foreign body.

Dr. William Macewen reports (*Glasgow Med. Journ.*, December, 1889) a case in which a nutshell lodged in the trachea for thirteen days was removed by tracheotomy during impending suffocation. It was found buried in the posterior wall of the trachea just under the cricoid cartilage, lying obliquely, and covered to a great extent with granulation tissue, one thin layer of which was spread over the surface of the nutshell. When removed with forceps its concave surface was found to contain a mass of granulation tissue surrounding a portion of the kernel.

An interesting case from the practice of Prof. Sonnenburg is reported by Hermes (*Deut. Med. Ztg.*, June 23, 1890). A girl, aged seventeen years, had swallowed a needle the September previous, and had since suffered with intense gastric pains, compelling her to keep the body bent forward. The parts were cut down upon and a projecting point was found in the posterior edge of the transverse fascia. The peritoneum was incised at this point and the needle was found in a mass of connective tissue in which it had become engaged after having perforated the stomach. — *Amer. Jour. Med. Sci.*

A CELEBRATED German physician was once called upon to treat an aristocratic lady, the sole cause of whose complaint was high living and lack of exercise. But it would never do to tell her so, so his medical advice ran thus: "Arise at 5 o'clock, take a walk in the park for one hour, then drink a glass of tea, then walk another hour, and take a cup of chocolate. Take breakfast at 8."

Her condition improved visibly, until one fine morning the carriage of the baroness was seen to approach the physician's residence at lightning speed. The patient dashed up to the doctor's office, and on his appearing on the scene she breathed out: "Oh, doctor, I took the chocolate first."

"Then drive home as fast as you can," ejaculated the astute apostle of Esculap, "and inject the tea with a syringe, for the tea must be at the bottom."

The spell was not broken.