

## General Notes

ossicles to the cochlea, the endolymph being put into motion through the foot-plate of the stapes as in other mammals. The tympanic and periotic bones are surrounded by numerous cells containing air which is set in motion by the vibrations of the hearing bones. These air cavities form a kind of sounding box. Any change, such as a thick, tense, rigid drum-head, which connects the ossicles more firmly to the tympanic ring, approaching the complete fusion found in whales, would increase bone conduction. Kernan accepts also Bezold's idea that it is a thick, tense ligamentum annulare, transmitting vibrations to the foot-plate of the stapes, which explains the phenomenon under discussion. This is the condition following a radical mastoid operation.

When the external canal is slightly blocked, bone conduction is increased. This is explained by conceiving the air-filled cavity with bony walls to be a sounding box. This is just what we have present in cetacea.

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### THE ÓNODI COLLECTION

THE attention of the readers of the Journal is drawn to the appeal which has been made by a Committee of Fellows of the Royal Society of Medicine for the purpose of raising a sum of money necessary to purchase the valuable collection of anatomical dissections made by the late Professor A. Ónodi of Budapest.

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The Editors of the Journal are desirous of overtaking the arrears in connection with the publication of the Proceedings of the two Sections. The delay in their appearance has arisen as a natural consequence of the difficulties connected with publication during the war. In order to effect the above it will be necessary to publish the account of the Meetings held during 1919 and 1920 in a very condensed form, but the readers of the Journal will benefit eventually, when the lost ground has been made up and the Proceedings of the Sections begin to appear soon after the date on which the Meetings were held.

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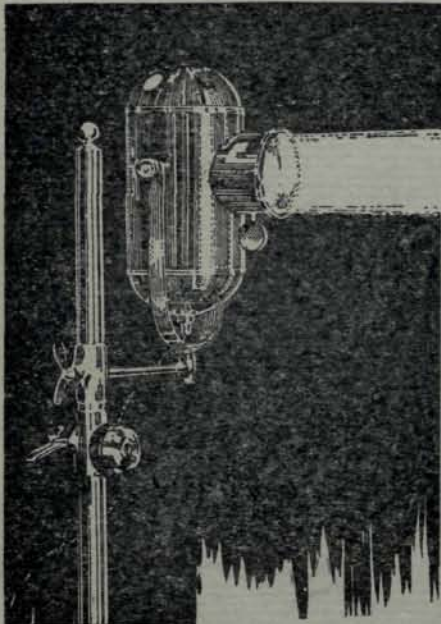
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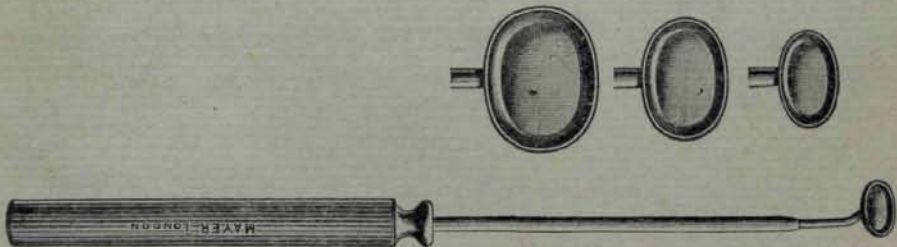


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