

Abstracts.

MOUTH, Etc.

Oppenheimer, S.—*A Case of Primary Epithelioma of the Uvula.* "Med. Record," August 10, 1901.

In this case the patient was a man, aged eighty-one, who for the past year had complained of irritation in his throat. At various times he was examined, with, however, negative results. For a few weeks before being seen by the author a thickening of the tip of the uvula was noticed, which rapidly increased and involved the whole of the organ, which grew as large as an ordinary walnut. The growth was bluish-red in colour, not ulcerated, and firm to the touch. The cervical glands were slightly enlarged, but not tender. Slight pain was complained of radiating to the ears. A small piece of the growth was removed, and on microscopic examination presented the characters of an epithelioma. Operative interference was deemed inadvisable. The author remarks upon the rarity of such cases, and refers to the published cases of Lennox Brown and Walter Downie.

In favourable conditions for operation complete cure may be effected. Ulceration of a primary epithelioma of the uvula does not take place until a late stage of the disease. The most usual symptom complained of by the patient is faucial irritation, due to moderate inflammatory reaction and slight œdema of neighbouring tissues. *W. Milligan.*

Oren, S. H.—*Report of a Case of "Epithelioma" involving Tonsil, Faucial Pillar, and Tongue, with Treatment and Apparent Cure.* "Journal Amer. Med. Assoc.," August 10, 1901.

The growth was microscopically diagnosed as an epithelioma. Hypodermic injections of pure alcohol were made in several places outside the periphery of the ulcer and in and above the anterior faucial pillar. Inflammatory reaction resulted, leaving a circumscribed hard mass. This indurated area was ultimately dissected out, the base being curetted and cauterized. No return of symptoms had taken place after the interval of one year. *W. Milligan.*

NOSE, Etc.

Baratoux, J.—*The Surgery of the Maxillary Antrum in the Eighteenth Century.* "Revue Hebdom. de Laryngologie," etc., February 9, 1901.

This is a short account of the methods of opening the maxillary antrum adopted by surgeons of the latter half of the eighteenth century (1753 onwards). *Arthur J. Hutchison.*

Curtis, H. H.—*The Future Treatment of Hay-fever.* "Med. Record," July 13, 1901.

In the treatment of hay-fever the author has tried the internal and hypodermic exhibition of watery extracts of various flowers. In one patient, an unmarried woman, aged thirty-five, who for years had suffered from most severe neurotic coryza, great relief was afforded by