

additional scar, lying as it does in a natural skin-fold, is almost imperceptible.

The cavity left in the temporal fossa after swinging down the slip is of considerable dimensions, and to obliterate it by approximation of the cut edges of the muscle is almost impossible.

Good results in paralytic ectropion have been obtained by means of the ordinary Kuhnt-Dimmer operation, but the sling of living muscle is more likely to ensure permanent improvement than the mere shortening of the lower lid.

REVIEW.

Studies in the Anatomy and Surgery of the Nose and Ear. By ADAM E. SMITH, M.D. New York: Paul B. Hoeber, 1918.

The book is well printed and neatly produced. It consists of some 150 pages, and is copiously adorned with illustrations, of which a great many are full-page plates.

A number of lateral vertical skull sections are depicted to show the relation of parts in reference to the nasal cavities, and also an elaborate series of vertical antero-posterior sections is shown to indicate the relationship of the accessory sinuses to the nasal fossæ and to each other. That portion which is devoted to the ear is profusely illustrated, each plate being supplemented by a diagrammatic "key."

Some parts of the book are without novelty, as Chapter I, which deals with the importance of nasal breathing, and expresses in the main the accepted views thereon. We say "in the main," because in one passage here we find it stated that the ingoing air-current on the side of the nose which happens to be obstructed by a deflected septum causes recession of the outer wall of the nose, and therefore asymmetry of the sinuses, and this cannot be regarded as an accepted view, much less as a proven one.

On the whole, it may be said that the author's opinions are out of harmony with the views and practice of British rhinologists.

No authorities are quoted. There is an efficient index.

Archer Ryland.

OBITUARY.

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(Died January 9, 1920.)

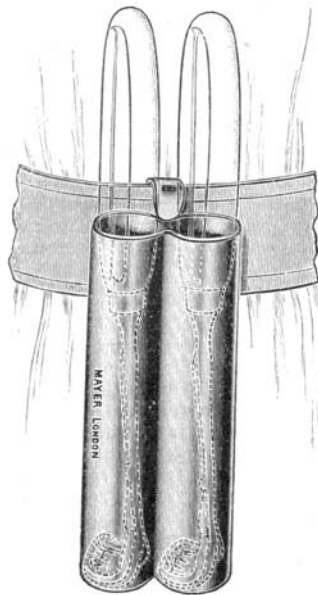
DR. CHRISTIAN R. HOLMES was born in Copenhagen, October 18, 1857. He received an early training as a civil engineer, but when his family emigrated to Cincinnati he took up the study of medicine, and graduated in 1886. His name became well known as a prominent worker in diseases of the eye, ear and throat. He was a member of the American Laryngological Association and a frequent visitor at medical gatherings in Europe, but on this side of the Atlantic we have hardly realised the immense work he did in consolidating the two leading medical colleges of Cincinnati in the new building of the City Hospital. With enthusiasm and devotion he visited and studied all the leading hospitals of Europe.

and America, so that this magnificent hospital in his own city is now one of the most perfect in the world and his best monument.

Besides meeting him in European congresses many of our readers enjoyed his gracious hospitality after the International Congress of Otology in Boston, during various meetings at Atlantic City, and on many other occasions. He undoubtedly overworked himself during the war, while his own sons were distinguishing themselves in France. The many friends of his devoted and charming wife will feel the deepest sympathy for her and her family in the loss of one of the standard-bearers of our speciality. StC. T.

NEW INSTRUMENTS.

A SCABBARD FOR INSTRUMENTS.



When ethyl chloride is given for curettement of adenoids and the enucleation of tonsils, the anæsthesia period is short, and time saved becomes of moment.

I have had in use for some time a new "gadget" which has proved of considerable utility. It consists of a double scabbard with a hook, and can be slung at the belt or over a bandage secured round the waist. It holds two adenoid curettes, viz. a StClair Thomson cage curette and also a small-size Beckenham curette, and it enables the surgeon to lay his hand instantly on the required instrument without groping for it on the table. I generally place it a little to the right side of the body.

The woodcut is slightly in error in that it represents two StClair Thomson curettes.

Messrs. Mayer & Phelps will supply the instrument.

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