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Harvard Health Talks: Adenoids and Tonsils. By ALGERNON COOLIDGE, M.D., Professor of Laryngology in Harvard University. Pp. 46. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1916.

A sensible and brief exposition of the subject, with a tendency towards conservatism of view and practice.

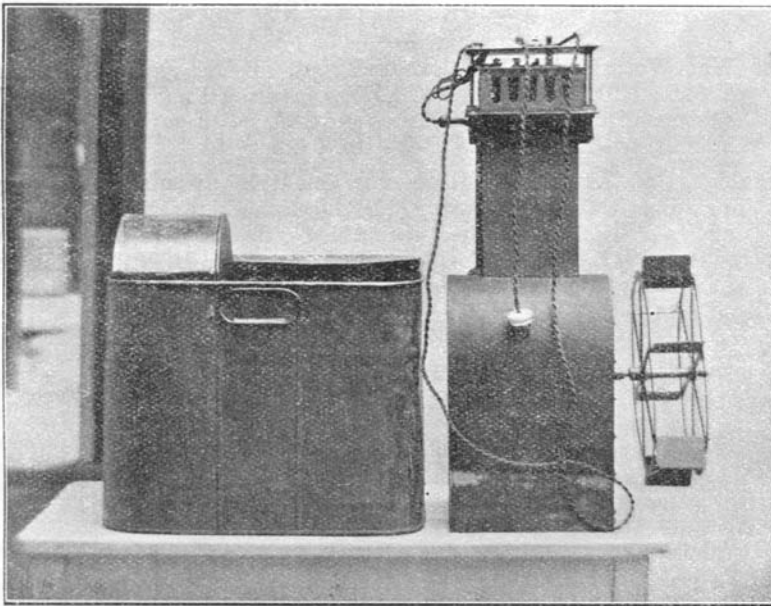
The puzzle of the function of these lymphoid masses is glanced at, and the suggestion thrown out that they may be antitoxin-producing glands.

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NOTES AND QUERIES.

A NOISE-PRODUCING MACHINE.

The apparatus here figured is the invention of a lady who was a sufferer from a disturbing form of tinnitus aurium. She had it made in order to produce sufficient external noise in her quiet bedroom in the country to enable her to get sleep.



A

B

The paddle with its motor (B) wire placed inside A, a tin vessel containing water.

It consists of an electrically-driven paddle which with its motor was placed inside the tin vessel (on the left of the illustration), the latter being half filled with water. In this way a continuous splashing sound was produced and the patient was able to sleep.

Without this machine, as when she was on a visit to some other still locality, she had to face a long wakeful night, the multifarious intrinsic noise making sleep impossible.

As time went on, however, deafness supervened, and, as is usually the case the tinnitus became less and less obtrusive, until finally she was able to sleep without her "splasher," and she then made it over to me for any of my patients who might be similarly afflicted.

Curiously enough, and fortunately for our peace, tinnitus very rarely causes insomnia, and so far I have not encountered anyone else to whom the splasher would be of service.

DAN MCKENZIE.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

SOCIÉTÉ BELGE D'OTOLOGIE ET DE LARYNGOLOGIE.

The first meeting of this Society since 1914 will be held next July in Antwerp. It is hoped that the facilities of travel will be so improved by that time that many oto-laryngologists will be glad of an opportunity of meeting their Belgian colleagues again. We understand that some French and Italian *confrères* will be present at Antwerp and we trust that England and America will be well represented. The Congress is under the Presidency of Dr. Trétrôp, and the Hon. Secretary is Prof. van den Wildenberg, 110, Avenue des Arts, Antwerp, Belgium.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE, LARYNGOLOGICAL SECTION.

The next meeting of the above Section will be held at 1, Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, on Friday, June 6, at 4 p.m.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The War Work of the Y.M.C.A. in Egypt. By *Sir James W. Barrett, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., F.R.C.S. (Eng.)*, with a Preface by *Sir E. H. Allenby*. Pp. xx + 212. 23 Plates and 3 Maps. Demy 8vo. London: H. K. Lewis & Co., Ltd. Price 10s. 6d. net.

Catalogue of Lewis's Medical and Scientific Circulating Library, including a Classified Index of Subjects with the Names of those Authors who have treated upon them. Second Edition, revised to end of 1917. Pp. 492. Demy 8vo. London: H. K. Lewis & Co., Ltd. Price 12s. 6d. net; to Subscribers, 6s. net.

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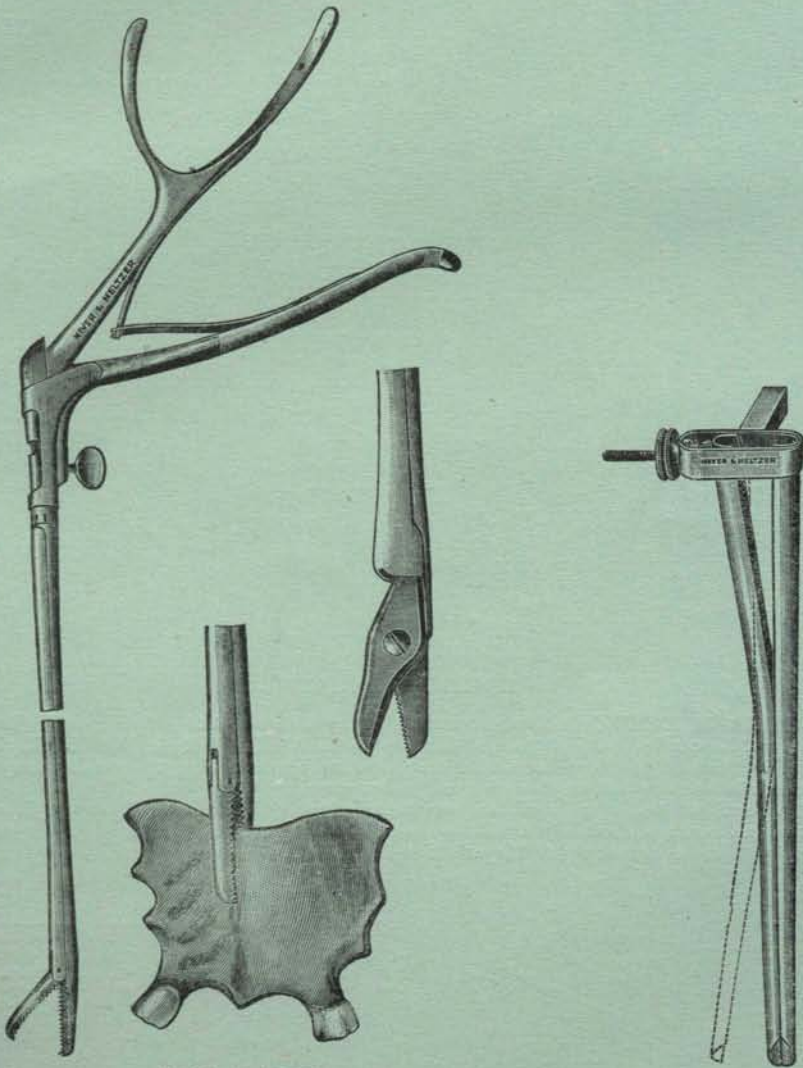
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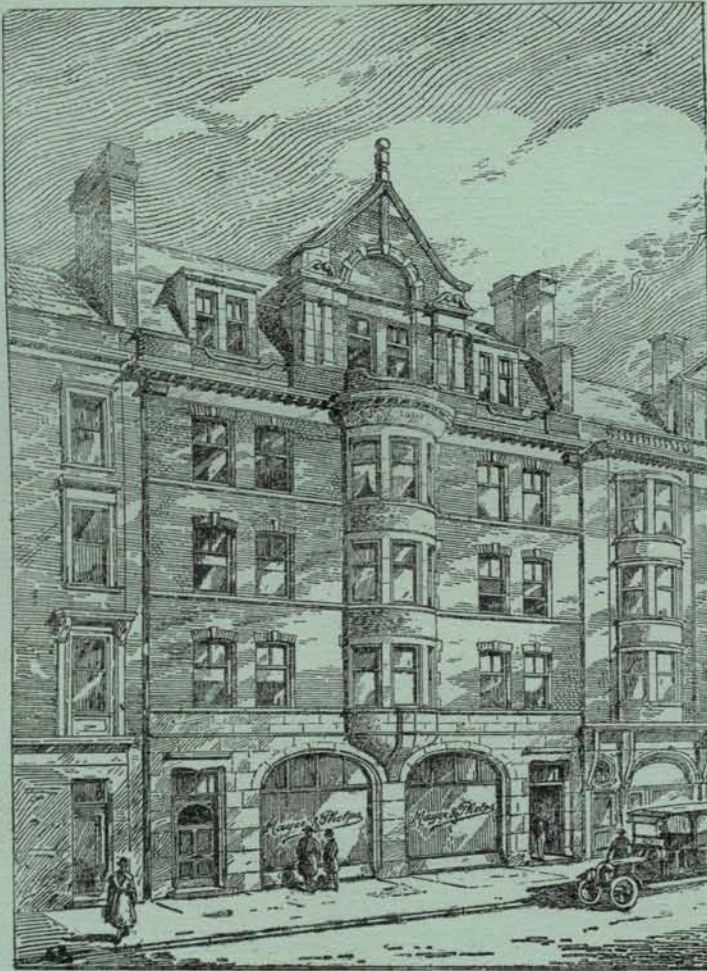
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