

credible, but it is, nevertheless, a fact, that Mr. Heath, as far as I know, has never yet furnished either his supporters or his critics with a complete record of the results in the cases he has operated on.

The consequence is that no one, perhaps not even he himself, knows the percentage of cases which dry up and remain well after his operation, and the percentage that require further operation.

And until he does supply us with these simple, essential data, otologists will, I fear, be justified if they go on writing books as if Mr. Charles Heath had never been born!

*Dan McKenzie.*

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### THE BROECKAERT FUND.

*To the Editor of THE JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY, RHINOLOGY, AND OTOLOGY.*

SIR,—You took a kind interest in the establishment of the Broeckkaert Fund. On the return of Madame Broeckkaert and her family to Belgium its purpose has come to an end. I hope you will allow me to give a short account in your columns of its administration.

Altogether £562 0s. 9d., representing contributions (including interest) coming from American, British, Dutch and Scandinavian *confrères* of the late Dr. Jules Broeckkaert, was placed in my hands.

Of these £395 0s. 9d. was spent from the beginning of November, 1916, to the end of February, 1919, in the support of Dr. Broeckkaert's family whilst they were living in England. A cheque for £167 was handed to Madame Broeckkaert on the eve of her departure for Ghent, to enable her to re-establish her home.

The subscribers will be glad to learn that the late Dr. Broeckkaert's house was but little damaged during the war, and that our deceased *confrère's* eldest son, M. André Broeckkaert, was the first Belgian soldier to enter his native town after the retreat of the invaders.

Madame Broeckkaert wishes me to express to all those who have honoured her husband's memory, particularly to the collectors of the fund, her own and her children's sincerest thanks.

I should be glad if American, Dutch and Scandinavian journals devoted to our specialty would reprint this account.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

FELIX SEMON.

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*February 21, 1919.*

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### NOTES AND QUERIES.

SUMMER CONGRESS OF LARYNGOLOGY, LONDON, 1919.

The Section of Laryngology of the Royal Society of Medicine is showing increased energy with the return of many of its members from the war. Its meetings have shown large attendances during the war, being favoured by the

presence of many American and Overseas Laryngologists. It has therefore decided to convert its annual gathering in May into something more than the usual clinical meeting.

On Friday, May 2, there will therefore be a *Summer Congress*. Papers will be read in the morning; demonstrations of cases, operations, specimens, instruments will take place in the afternoon; and it is proposed to arrange a pathological museum of specimens relating to the subject. We understand that all Overseas Laryngologists will be heartily welcomed.

Those who intend to read papers or join in the discussion are requested to notify the Honorary Secretaries—Mr. F. A. Rose, 68, Wimpole Street, W. 1, or Dr. Irwin Moore, 30A, Wimpole Street, W. 1.

#### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

The next Monthly Meeting of the Section of Laryngology (Royal Society of Medicine) will be held on Friday, April 4, at 4 p.m., at No. 1, Wimpole Street.

A conjoint Meeting of this Section with the Section of Ophthalmology will be held on Wednesday, April 2, at 8 p.m., when a joint discussion will be given on "Injuries and Inflammatory Diseases affecting the Orbit and Accessory Sinuses." To be opened by Messrs. L. V. Cargill, Seccomb Hett, A. W. Ormond and E. D. D. Davis.

The next Meeting of the Section of Otology will be held on Friday, March 21.

#### THE AMERICAN LARYNGOLOGICAL, RHINOLOGICAL, AND OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The President of this Society for the current year is Brigadier-General H. S. Birkett. It will hold its Annual Meeting on June 6 and 7 at Atlantic City.

#### AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, SECTION OF OTO-LARYNGOLOGY.

The Annual Meeting of this Section will be held in Atlantic City between June 9 and 13.

#### AMERICAN LARYNGOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Congress will be held on June 16, 17 and 18 in Atlantic City conjointly with the American Congress of Physicians and Surgeons.

#### SOCIÉTÉ BELGE D'OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGIE.

We rejoice to hear that our brave Belgian colleagues are already arranging for the revival of this society, and that it is hoped to arrange the first meeting for the month of July in Antwerp. Further particulars can be obtained from Dr. Trétróp, 46, Avenue Van Eyck, Antwerp, Belgium.

#### ERRATUM.

On line 6, p. 66 of the February number of the JOURNAL, for "fitted" read "pithed."

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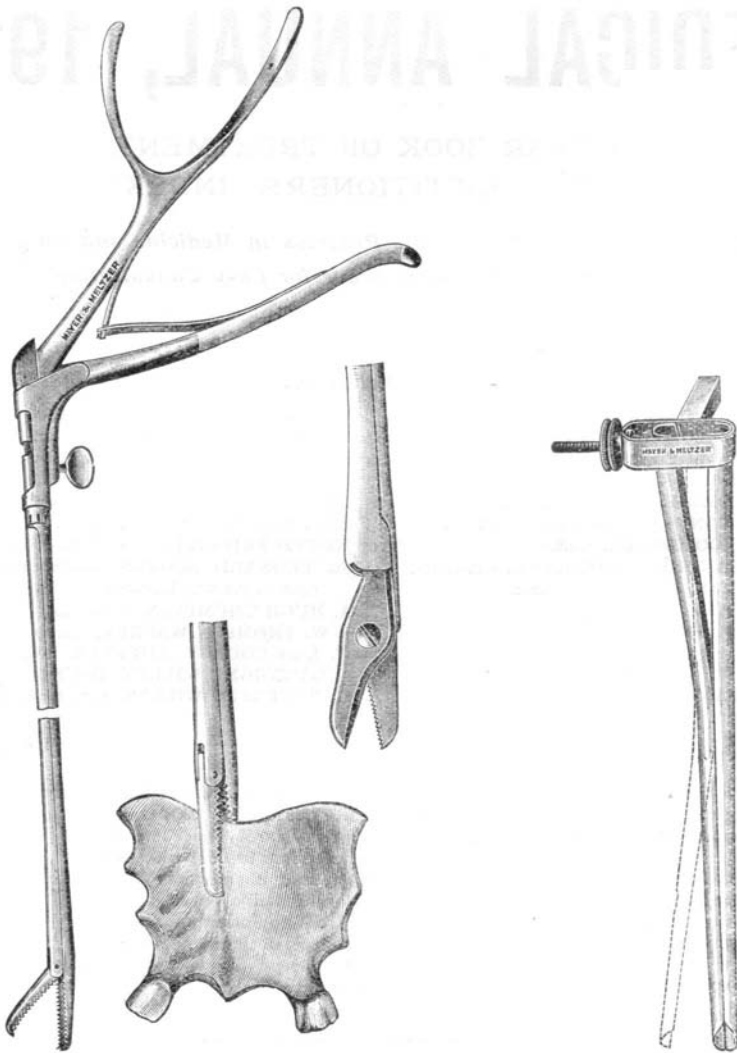
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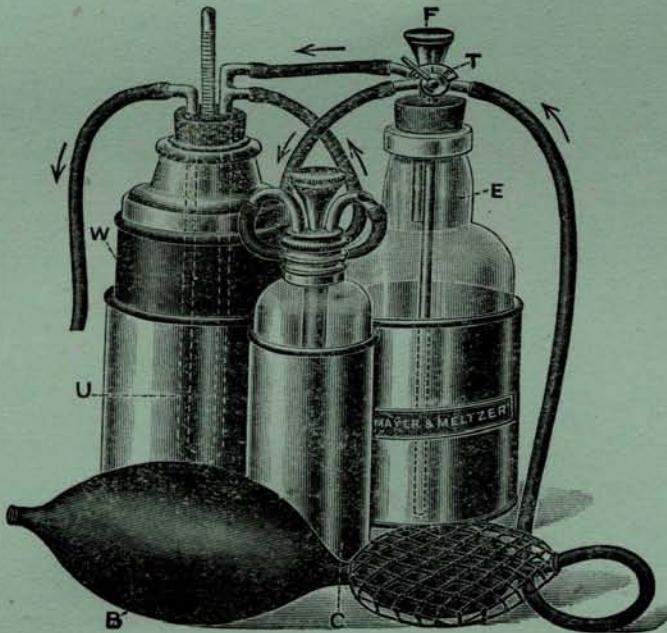
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