

General Notes

The essential structural difference between the two is that the faucial tonsils are discrete, often hard, structures, definitely enclosed in and limited by a capsule.

I am raising no merely academic quibble, for there are two practical corollaries:—

- (1) It is sometimes not possible to include the whole of a diffuse non-encapsulated adenoid mass in the La Force box, and therefore not always possible to remove the mass complete in one piece. Gentle digital palpation, immediately afterwards, proves this.
- (2) In young children, adenoids, whose points of origin are not limited by a capsule, may recur (of this it is often necessary to warn parents); but faucial tonsils, after extra-capsular removal, can not recur.

I think that most laryngologists who use this appliance will agree with me that the chief advantages of the La Force Adenotome are that—(1) the adenoid mass, retained in the box, cannot break up, or fall into the pharynx or larynx. (2) Since the blade cuts from below upwards, there is no risk of leaving a troublesome tag, as there is when using a curette—I am, etc.,

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GENERAL NOTES

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During the Session 1928-29 the Sections will meet on the following dates:—On Friday, 3rd May (*Annual*) and 7th June.

The Section of Otolaryngology will meet at 10.30 A.M. and the Section of Laryngology at 5 P.M.

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, MANCHESTER, 1929.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Manchester in July. The Association meets under the Presidency of Arthur Henry Burgess, M.B. (Vict.), F.R.C.S. Eng., Honorary Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, and Professor of Clinical Surgery, Victoria University, Manchester.

The Section of Laryngology and Otolaryngology will meet under the Presidency of Mr F. H. Westmacott, C.B.E., F.R.C.S.

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APPOINTMENTS.

Russell, Bedford, F.R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon to the Throat Department at St Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.

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