

Abstracts.

MOUTH, Etc.

L. Ajello.—*Ligature-carrier for the Uvula.* "Archivii Italiani di Laringologia." Naples, April, 1899.

The author refers to the difficulty in controlling the hæmorrhage which sometimes follows the removal of the uvula, especially in hæmophilia, and to the various measures which generally prove ineffectual to control it. He relies on ligature of the stump, and in order to accomplish this more readily has devised an instrument consisting of a metallic rod mounted on a curved handle and furnished at its distal extremity with two flattened rings in the horizontal plane, and at such a distance from each other as to retain between them a ligature of the ordinary calibre previously half knotted.

The author does not say whether he recommends the application of the ligature before the operation, but it is to be inferred this is not the case, as he describes the method as follows: The rings bearing the ligature are passed over *the stump* of the uvula, and the first part of the knot tightened; an assistant withdraws the instrument while the knot is completed.

James Donelan.

Keiper.—*Albuminuric Tonsillitis; Report of a Case of Spontaneous Hæmorrhage from the Left Tonsil.* "The Laryngoscope," November, 1898.

Patient, Mr. R——, age not stated, under treatment for grave kidney disease, with much albumen in urine, had an ulcer the size of a gold dollar in the upper part of the left tonsil covered by an exudate as in diphtheria. Removal of exudate revealed a scooped-out ulcer. On April 19 and 21, in the morning, 12½ per cent. solution of silver nitrate was applied. On the latter date, in the afternoon, spontaneous moderate hæmorrhage began, but was stopped immediately on applying equal parts of tannic acid and antipyrin. At seven in the evening more severe hæmorrhage occurred, and after various remedies failed to arrest it, ceased spontaneously, and did not recur. Death nine days later. The author attributes this condition of tonsil to changes in the bloodvessels similar to those of the choroidal and retinal vessels in albuminuric retinitis, and quotes on this point from Norris and Oliver's "System of Diseases of the Eye."

R. M. Fenn.

Rosenberg, Albert (Berlin).—*The Diseases of the Mouth, Pharynx, and Larynx.* "Die Krankheiten des Mundhöhle, des Rachens und des Kehlkopfes," 1899 (published by S. Karger, Berlin).

This is the second edition of this well-known work. Considerable alterations have been introduced from wider knowledge in his own practice and from the experience of others. This has necessitated an enlargement of seventy-five pages. The descriptions in the text are clear without unnecessary length. The illustrations are numerous and well executed. It can be thoroughly recommended to all interested in diseases of this part of the body.

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