

## NOTES AND QUERIES.

## THE JOURNAL OF LARYNGOLOGY, RHINOLOGY, AND OTOTOLOGY.

SIR STCLAIRE THOMSON cordially invites all British Oto-Laryngologists who are interested in the working of our JOURNAL to attend a Conference to be held at 64, Wimpole St., London, W. 1, on Friday, November 1, at 8.45 p.m.

## "PELION" ON THE NOMENCLATURE OF MASTOID OPERATIONS.

SIR,—When are we going to reform the present chaotic and absurd nomenclature of the above operations?

I hear, for example, of one operation called "Schwartz's"; of another, "Stacke's"; of a third—a shadowy third—known popularly as "Heath's." Then, look at the infinite variety of "plastics," each designated by the name of some otherwise obscure otologist—for the life of me I cannot remember any of them at the moment. But it does not matter really.

Then, again, people talk to me of "cortical" mastoids, "radical" mastoids, "conservative" mastoids, and I am awaiting every day the advent of "socialist" mastoids, and finally, "Bolshevik" mastoids. We have long since been anarchists; at least in terminology.

Take the "radical mastoid" as an example. Here is an operation which generally has nothing whatever to do with the mastoid process. Cheatle, who ought to know, says somewhere that it is performed through the squamous bone. And who was it, can anybody tell me, whose brilliance first applied to it the bounding epithet of "radical"? There is nothing *radical* about it. It is essentially an exploration. To be radical the petrous, or at least the outer wall of the labyrinth, would have to be removed. Now, does any otologist ever blush when, a year after his "radical" operation, he finds himself still mopping pus from the tympanum and telling his patient to "go on with the drops"?

It ought to be called the "antro-tympanic operation"—only that and nothing more.

PELION.

P.S.—Will you kindly thank Dr. J. S. Fraser for his reply to my last letter? It shows that one man has been thinking ahead.—P.

## THE FACE-MASK IN THE CONSULTING ROOM.

Many oto-laryngologists are now wearing face-masks when examining their patients, both in hospital and in private practice. The sense of protection they impart is very grateful, and patients seem to appreciate the lesson they convey.

D.M.

## A CORRECTION.

In the "legend" of the skiagram on p. 282 of our last issue, for "ninth" please read "seventh" rib.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

**Pathologie de Guerre du Larynx et de la Trachée.** Par *E. J. Moure, G. Liébault, et G. Canuyt.* With 128 figures and 8 coloured plates. Paris: Librairie Félix Alcan, 108 Boulevard St. Germain. 1918. Price 26.50 fr.

**The Twin Ideals: An Educated Commonwealth.** By *Sir James W. Barrett, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.C., M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S.(Eng.).* Two volumes. London: H. K. Lewis & Co., Ltd. Price 25s.

**An Enquiry into the Analytical Mechanism of the Internal Ear.** By *Sir Thomas Wrightson, Bart.* With an Appendix by *Arthur Keith, M.D.* London: Macmillan & Co., Ltd. 1918.

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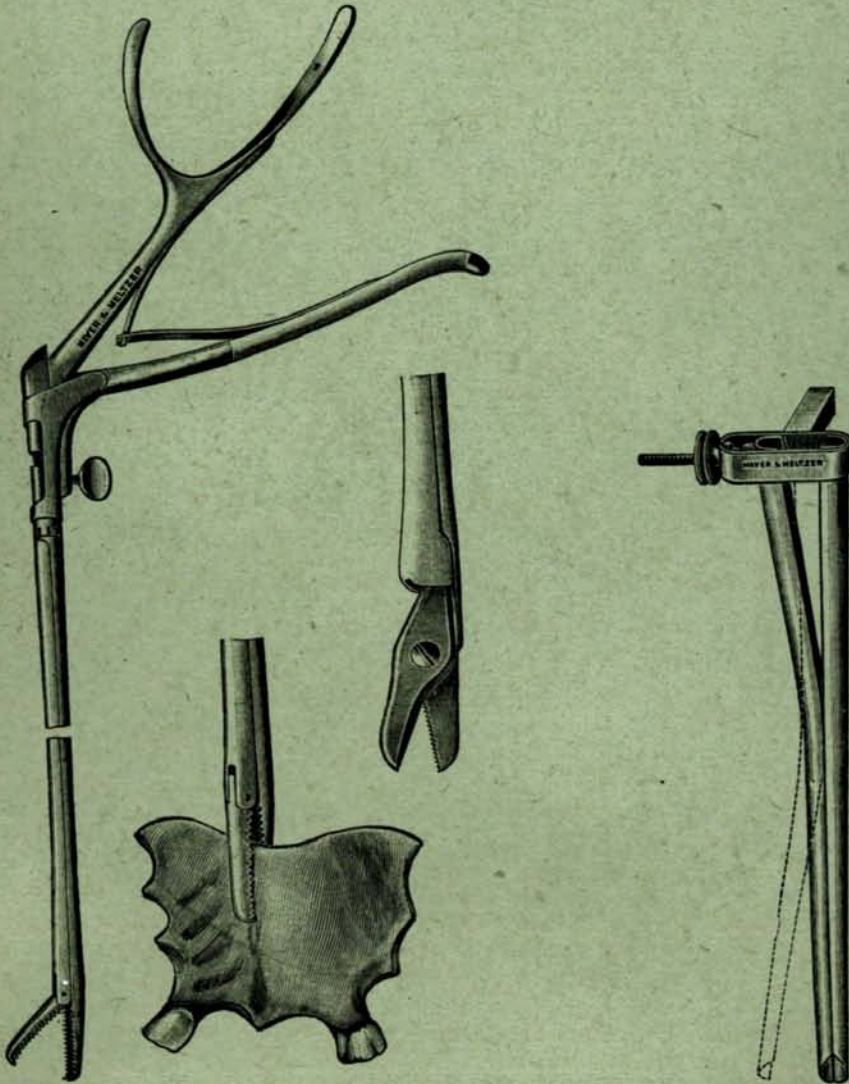
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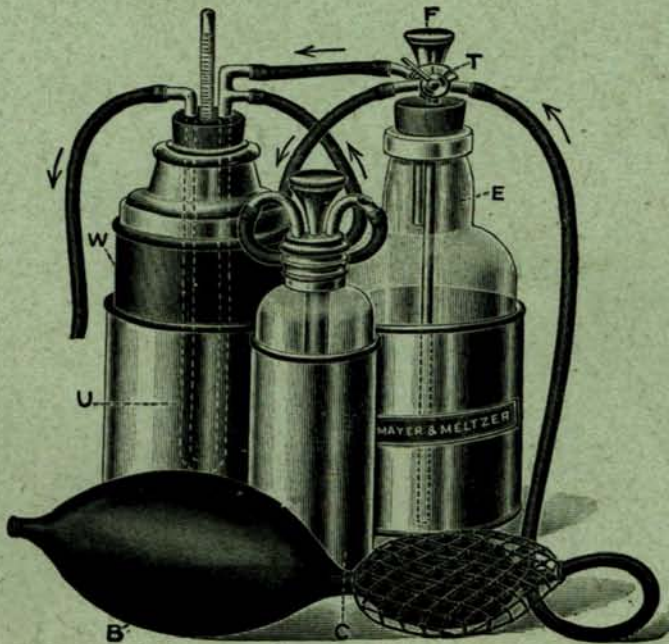
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