

Abstracts.

MOUTH, FAUCES, Etc.

Morse, J. L.—*Retropharyngeal Abscess in Children.* "Journ. Amer. Med. Assoc.," January 31, 1903.

Examination for such abscesses should be made by inspection and by palpation of the parts. The abscess should be opened through the mouth, the infant being held upright. The mortality in cases treated in this way is 5 per cent. *W. Milligan.*

Royster, L. T.—*Report of a Case of Tonsillar Ulcer of Vincent.* "Archiv. of Pediatrics," August, 1903.

The patient, a coloured female, aged seven, had had good general health, with the exception of an attack of pertussis at the age of three years. Upon examination, the glands at the angle of the jaw upon the right side were found greatly enlarged, and upon the right tonsil a slightly depressed and very ragged patch was seen. Upon the removal of the membrane—or, rather, slough covering this patch—the surface was found to be ulcerated and bleeding. The tonsil itself was hard and indurated. A diagnosis of Vincent's ulcer was made. A smear taken from the edge of the ulcer and stained with dilute carbol-fuchsin showed the presence of the fusiform bacillus and spirillum of Vincent.

Hot gargles of normal salt solution were advised, and tincture of iodine was applied locally. Complete healing took place within three days.

The practical point insisted upon by the author is the differentiation of this condition from diphtheria and syphilis. From syphilis the only certain diagnosis is by means of the microscope. *W. Milligan.*

NOSE, Etc.

Lubet-Barbon.—*Pengawar-Djambi as a Hemostatic Agent in Nasal Operations.* "Annales des Maladies de l'Oreille," etc., February, 1903.

This substance is the juice extracted from the skin of a certain tree fungus found in India and Tonkin. The author has used it for six months and found it very efficacious in operations on the nose, an application arresting hæmorrhage without the discomfort associated with the use of a tampon. *Anthony McCall.*

Compaired, Célestin (Madrid).—*Neurasthenia of Intra-Nasal Origin.* "Archives Internat. de Laryngologie," etc., July—August, 1903.

Dr. Compaired believes that neurasthenia and many other obscure nervous phenomena are due to nasal lesions. He holds that an abnormal condition of the nose may, by direct and reflex action, cause as much trouble as uterine or aural lesions. *Anthony McCall.*