Urticaria involving the Larynx and causing Asphyxia—F. Woodbury—Phil. Polyclinic, July 2, 1898.

A well-built muscular man of forty-five years quickly developed difficult and hurried breathing, finally becoming purple in the face and falling down in a condition of asphyxia. He revived after an hypodermic injection of strichnia nitrate, followed by morphine and atropine.

The patient had previously suffered from urticaria, and at the time of the attack the characteristic lesions were found, justifying the belief that the swelling of the mucous membrane of the larynx was of this character.

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## Exostosis of External Auditory Canal.—M. A. Goldstein—Journal of Laryngology, July, 1898.

The interesting features presented in the reported case were the unusually large size of the growth, the difficulties encountered in the diagnosis and the methods employed for its removal.

The growth completely filled the lumen of the canal, appearing within one-half inch of the meatus; point of fixation of the tumor was traced to the posterior wall of the auditory canal.





Etiology obscure; supposed to have been caused by frequent scratching of a pruritic area in the canal with matches and toothpicks.

The tumor was removed by means of a shallow oval curette placed over the convex surface of the tumor and the application of gentle, firm leverage, resulting in the fracture of the small pedicles by which the mass was attached.

The membrana tympani was intact; the two small pedicles by which the tumor was attached were discernable on the posterior wall of the canal. Canal was restored in a few weeks to normal condition.