

Foreign Bodies in the Ear.

Hummel (*Muench. Med. Woch.; Am. Journ. Med. Sci.*) makes the following deductions:

1. The relation of the normal ear canal to inanimate foreign bodies is entirely without reaction; that is, the foreign body in the ear does not, *per se*, endanger the integrity of the ear.

2. Every hasty endeavor at removal is, therefore, not only unnecessary, but can become very injurious.

3. In all cases not previously interfered with (with few exceptions), the foreign substance can be removed from the ear by means of syringing.

4. The general practitioner should never employ anything but the syringe in his endeavors at removal of foreign bodies from the external auditory canal.

5. An instrumental removal of a foreign body from the ear should be effected only by one fully able to examine the ear with an otoscope and acquainted with every operative manipulation in this region.

Medicine and Music.

Dr. W——, who has become a member of the choir of a fashionable uptown ritualistic church, now refers to himself as an Epæsculapian and states that he is a specialist both in anthems and exanths.—*N. Y. Med. Journ.*