Papilloma of the Larynx.

Dr. Walter F. Chappell said, that about a year ago Dr. Delavan called the attention of the Section to the beneficial effect of applying absolute alcohol to papilloma of the larynx. The speaker said that about that time he saw a child, three years old, the upper portion of whose larynx was filled with papillomatous growths. Several of these were removed through the mouth, but as it was found impossible to give complete relief by this method, tracheotomy was performed and a tube put in. The child's mother, who was a very intelligent woman, was then furnished with a curved hard rubber dropper and instructed how to introduce alcohol into the larynx. The applications were continued faithfully, and during the past three months a number of the papillomata have been discharged through the tracheal tube. At the present time the child's larynx is almost entirely free from the growths.

Dr. W. K. Simpson said, it is not unusual to see papillomatous growths in the larynx disappear after the performance of tracheotomy, on account of the rest given to the larynx by the tracheal tube. The speaker said he was rather skeptical about the effect of alcohol on these growths, and also of the ability of an individual to apply it through a syringe or spray. He has tried the treatment in a number of cases without much success.

Dr. Chappell said, that in two other cases of recurrent papilloma of the larynx coming under his observation, wherein he had simply performed tracheotomy, the patients got well after wearing the tube for a year; during that time pieces of the growths were occasionally discharged through the tube, but they were not nearly such large pieces as in the case where the alcohol was applied.

Dr. Adolph Rupp said, that in one case of papilloma of the larynx recently coming under his observation, he used an alcohol spray with very good success. At the present time the larynx is quite free from the growths. A similar method of treatment has been advocated for such growths in the ear. In this locality the applications are quite painful, and the results less satisfactory.

Dr. C. G. Coakley said, that soon after hearing Dr. Delavan's paper on this subject he had instituted the treatment in a case of recurrent papilloma of the larynx, with almost immediate improvement. The growths soon shrunk in size and were subsequently removed. Up to the present time there are no signs of a recurrence.

Palate Hook.

Dr. Gleitsmann exhibited an instrument devised by Dr. Lindt, of Berne, Switzerland, and described by the latter in a recent issue of