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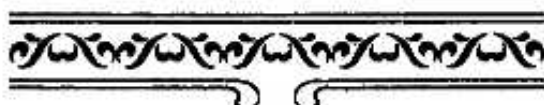
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PREFACE.

To those of us who have children it is of some interest to know whether enlarged tonsils should be cut off, or treated by medicines. Most medical men have made up their minds that enlarged tonsils can *not* be cured by medicines, but must be cut off, and therefore for most people, professional and lay, there exists no question of enlarged tonsils, and whether they should or should not be removed. But as for the past

twenty years I have treated my cases of enlarged tonsils by medicines, and have, moreover, succeeded in curing the great bulk of them, I am proceeding in the following pages to set forth my views on what to me is a very great question. If my views are correct, they will no doubt in the end prevail.

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It is to some of us often a question of great interest and importance to determine, whether tonsils that have become enlarged should or should not be removed by operation. To start with, we may say that there are manifest advantages in operations for the removal of tonsils. It is soon over, and any benefit accruing

therefrom is at once enjoyed by the sufferer; he can breathe better, more easily, and frequently soon takes on a healthier hue; and if his pigeon-breastedness is only of recent date, and costal ossification is not far enough advanced to amount to fixation of the ribs, the chest rounds out and great improvement in patient's general condition is presently manifest. Again, swallowing is more easy, and all concerned feel happier in their minds when they reflect that in case of inflammations and swellings in the throat the chances of choking are much lessened. Moreover, there is a good deal of satisfaction in the feeling that the thing is over, the job is finished, and one can

heave a sigh of relief. "Now that's done with!"

But is it?

I fear not.

And before leaving the question of the advantages of a mechanical removal of the tonsils, I would also name the diminution of the aggregate quantity of mucoid tissue thereby effected, and which is sometimes seemingly advantageous, much as we observe that the removal of a portion of the thyroid will improve the general condition of the goitrous. But as a minus of either is manifestly, at least, as bad as a plus, it does not seem easy to determine how much to excise. Still, granted that this happy middle-way can be struck, there is