

MOUTH MADE TO ORDER.

Delicate Surgical Operation Performed on an Infant

BY NEW YORK SURGEONS.

A Child Born at the Emergency Hospital Without a Mouth, Supplied by Art With That Essential—How the Artificial Organ Was Made.

New York, June 8.—Several infants are daily brought into existence at the New York Emergency Hospital for Women, and the chorus of uncultivated vocalization that is impressed upon the visitors to the wards might be considered by Mr. Gerry's society as cruelty to children. But what can the Commodore do? Nothing. It is not a question whether the child actresses should be allowed to sing their baby rhymes in "Wang," but whether these poor unfortunate infants, apparently out of reach of the society, shall be allowed to yell their natural, untrained tones until their little lungs refuse to act and they sink exhausted asleep.

One day recently a child was born in this chorus, as if done so for the purpose. The infant, as a result, grew fat and was the healthiest in the institution. The poor little fellow had no mouth, its cheeks being perfectly united from ear to ear by a piece of smooth, white skin and flesh, that was without a blemish, and appeared to have been made to stay so.

Upon this question of closed mouths the doctors are silent, and what to do for the child was a puzzle to the physicians. The oldest practitioner had never seen anything like it, and the case was pronounced a remarkable freak of nature. Even Dr. Francis Mason, the famous London facial specialist, in his work on the surgery of the face, mentions no such cases.

As the babe grew older it seemed to understand that something was wrong, and would seem to fret over it by holding its breath. The physicians determined that something must be done, if possible, and a consultation of prominent surgeons and physicians was called. A thorough examination was made with a view of remedying the deformity.

The upper and lower jawbones seemed to be perfectly formed, and were capable of slight motion, but a stricture of some kind was upon them. The missing mouth opening should not prevent the jawbones from operating. The attachment was thought to be due to some adhering membrane, although there was evidently a little opening between the flesh and the bone, as when the child tried to imitate the action of blowing, the cheeks would puff out slightly.

The construction of the inside of the mouth could not be determined with precision; all that was known was that the front and rear nasal passage seemed to be unobstructed. The examination resulted in a determination to perform a surgical operation on the child and run the risk of the infant's mouth being adapted to the admission of air.

A local injection of cocaine was administered in the flesh under the nose and of each cheek for several minutes. When needles could be stuck into the skin without the child wincing the operating surgeon made an incision about half an inch under the nose, where the orbicularis oris muscle ought to be. The knife sunk deeper and deeper into the senseless flesh until an obstruction was reached. Upon the flesh being dissected up from the bone it was found that a pipe could be inserted between the upper and the lower jawbones, and as it met with no resistance it was concluded that the internal formation of the organ was normal, and the operation was continued with more confidence.

Further investigation resulted in the discovery that the jawbones, as anticipated by their incapability of more than slight motion, were joined together in front by an elastic membrane that was thick and tough. The back had no connection, however, and the front membrane was severed the entire length with the greatest dexterity, as it bled profusely, and there was great danger that some of the blood might get into the infant's windpipe, and cause suffocation.

When the membrane had been divided the jaws could be moved easily, and when opened wide the roof of the mouth was the only thing that appeared normal. There was only a suggestion of a palate, and the tongue, which was usually large in babies, was back in the rear of the mouth and not more than half the size it should have been. It exhibited a peculiar motion, also, that had never been noticed in a tongue before by the surgeons present. It moved directly up and down, quickly and regularly.

Now that the mouth was made, something had to be done to keep the incision from healing. For this purpose, before the wound was bandaged, plugs of pressed cotton were placed between the jawbones to keep them from coming together. Pressed cotton was also applied behind what would be the lips, so as to have them protrude naturally.

This done, the wound was bandaged, the mouth being held open by the plugs. It is now several days since the operation was performed, and the wound, as is usual with children, has healed rapidly. The mouth has already formed itself, and is quite natural in appearance.

What will New York surgeons attempt next?

A GOLD ROOF PLATE.

A Concoct Man's Strange Surgical Experience.

The privilege of going about day after day with an improvised covering of gold to take the place of the roof of one's head is one that is not accorded everybody.

There is, however, one young man who bears this distinction, and to all intents and purposes appears to be as comfortably equipped in that respect as anybody who is the possessor of the regular old-fashioned roof.

Charles Deveney is twenty-four years of age and lives in Virginia City. About three weeks ago he came to San Francisco to consult with physicians regarding an unnatural growth which had formed on the roof of his mouth.

The superficial substance was found to be a cartilaginous growth, partaking of the nature of a tumor, located upon the right side of the mouth cavity, which besides encroaching upon the structure of the interior bones, had made serious inroads upon the nasal cavity, resulting in the nose being rendered a useless ornament as well as interfering with the faculty of articulation in that it allowed no play for the tongue.

After a diagnosis of the case it was decided to make an artificial roof for the mouth to take the place of the bone structure which would necessarily have to be removed in its entirety. An incision was made through the middle of

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MARTIN'S FERRY.

Accidents and Incidents in that Thriving City—Personal and Industrial.

The semi-annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of Belmont county was held in the Martin's Ferry Presbyterian church yesterday morning and afternoon. The attendance was considerably larger than usual, there being a large number of young ladies present, and Mrs. Rodefer, of Bridgeport, president, and Mrs. Rodefer, of Bellaire, was the secretary. The morning session was opened with singing, followed by prayer by Mrs. Fravelle, of Bellaire, and Bible reading by Mrs. Pickering, of Bellaire. Mrs. Rodefer and Mrs. Hall, of Colerain, were appointed a committee to fix a time and place for holding the next convention. The address of welcome was delivered by Miss Mary Thomas, of Martin's Ferry, and was quite interesting. Miss Alice Starbuck, of Colerain, responded briefly. The ordinary committee reported the deaths of Mrs. Sheets, Mrs. John Hamilton, Mrs. Norcross and Mrs. Joel Wood, all excellent workers. The treasurer's report showed that the union had in its treasury only ten cents after paying all expenses for the past six months. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Wesley, the treasurer, for the very correct way she has kept the accounts.

Mrs. Alexander, of St. Clairsville, the superintendent of jail and prison work, told of her work in an interesting manner. Miss Allie Williamson read a well written paper on the aims of parlor meetings of the Y's and how they should be conducted. Seventy-five dollars was subscribed to the fund for the erection of the W. C. T. U. temple at Chicago and \$25 more promised. Mrs. Wilson, of South Bellaire, who is the county evangelist, has been unable to do any work outside of two wards in Bellaire on account of sickness and leisure in the past six months. She also held nine cottage prayer meetings. Mrs. Rodefer, of Bellaire, opposed the use of wine at communion service.

The oratorical contest at the Opera House last night was very largely attended, and enjoyed by all. The exercises were opened with a selection by the Y's quartette. Divine blessing was asked by Mrs. Rebecca Pickering. The Christian Endeavor quartette sang a selection and Miss Madge Clark sang a solo. This was followed by a selection by the Y's quartette. The participants in the contest were: No. 1, "The Bible and the Liqueur Traffic;" No. 2, "The Murdered Mother;" No. 3, "Home vs. Saloon;" No. 4, "National Prohibition;" No. 5, "Two Fires;" No. 6, "The Enormity of the Liqueur Traffic;" No. 7, "What Shall the Christian Voter Do with the Saloon?" No. 8, "The Redemption of Our Country." All was interspersed with music. The different numbers and music were enthusiastically applauded, and all of the singing was encored.

Roger Jones, a popular young man of Evansville, won the prize, a gold medal.

Council has appointed a committee consisting of Inebright, Stewart and Henderson to confer with the I. O. O. F. and Red Men in regard to a site for a new city building.

An important meeting of Camp No. 110, Union Veteran Legion, will be held to-night. Several candidates from Bridgeport will be mustered in.

Rev. L. D. Morse gave a Bible reading at the Baptist church last evening. His subject was, "The Feet of Jesus."

The District Methodist conference will be held in Martin's Ferry next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Jennie McGraw leaves next Tuesday for Indianapolis to visit her uncle, Rev. Mr. Hanway.

Considerable interest is being taken in the Christian Endeavor convention to be held at Toronto.

George Brown and wife, of St. Clairsville, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Mitchell.

Mrs. George Devault is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. H. McConaughy, at Brilliant.

Many Martin's Ferry people are afraid of smallpox and are being vaccinated.

Mrs. M. W. Tuttle left yesterday for Los Angeles, Cal., to join her husband.

Mrs. Capt. H. W. Smith has returned from a week's visit to Cadiz.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

LEGAL NOTICES.

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