

Goiter of the Serious Type

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IN GOITER of the serious type the family physician advises the removal of the thyroid gland by surgery. There is, of course, the operation and the anesthetic to be considered, and despite the fact that the removal of the thyroid gland is now done in every hospital and considered as "safe" as other operations, there are many patients still afraid of operations. There are other cases also where the physician believes that operation would be unwise, even dangerous.

Prolonged rest and the use of iodine (Lugol's solution) will help some cases but there are many severe cases where more than this treatment is absolutely necessary to save life. Thus the X-ray has been used for many years when surgery is inadvisable, or the patient unwilling to undergo operation.



Dr. Barton Dr. P. Hess, in Strahlentherapie, Berlin, reports the results of X-ray treatment in 140 cases of the serious form of goiter. He shows that where good results were not obtained by X-ray treatment, there had not been enough of the treatment given, or the patient was not given proper encouragement. Not only do no deaths occur from the X-ray treatment, but there are many severe cases that are unsuitable for surgical or medical treatment, that are completely cured by the X-ray method.

Chronic Appendicitis.

Most physicians agree that in cases of acute appendicitis—increased temperature and pulse rate, increase in white corpuscles of blood, tightening of the abdomen—operation should be performed, and the earlier the better.

In cases of chronic appendicitis, however, there is not the same agreement as to operation, because, unfortunately many physicians have had cases where no improvement followed operation and some cases appeared definitely worse.

What may be the explanation of many cases of this so-called chronic appendicitis—constant pain in appendix region—is given by Dr. W. A. Bigelow, Brandon, Manitoba, in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, who states that the pain, colic, dragging, and other symptoms are due to fibrous bands—present at birth—which have fastened the last part of the small intestine and first part of the large intestines together instead of allowing them to remain free from one another as in the normal individual.

Dr. Bigelow reports the results of removing these bands in the cure of cases of so-called "chronic appendicitis."

"A questionnaire was sent out in January, 1937, to only those on whom the removal of the appendix had been done elsewhere, previous to our operation for the removal of these bands. None of the patients included in this report had received any relief whatever from the removal of the appendix itself. Only one question was asked, 'Have you been completely relieved of your one-sided pain since we removed these bands?' One hundred and forty-seven answers were received from a total of 161. Of this number 136 reported cured and 11 reported not cured."

Teeth Give a Good Clue

In this country and in Europe there are thousands of unknown dead of the World war. Many of these soldier-dead, says Dr. Edward J. Ryan, writing in Scientific American, could have been returned to their families for burial if identification by the teeth had been universally practiced. Further, civilian catastrophes each year take their toll of lives; in many of them the bodies are so badly burned or otherwise disfigured that normal methods of identification, including fingerprints, are of no avail.

It is a definitely established fact that no two mouths are precisely alike. Even after extraction of all teeth, the residual bone retains certain X-ray characteristics, and the distinguishing differences and deviations from the normal may be noted on a chart. Teeth have definite individual characteristics; the relationship of the teeth to one another varies with each person.

There already has been devised a standardized chart on which the various peculiarities of the individual mouth can be entered for future comparison and identification. If a system using such a chart could be placed in universal use it would be possible to solve many cases of mysterious disappearances, of criminal activities, and of unidentified death, Dr. Ryan believes.

Field of Corn Waves in City Street



Three Chicago youngsters with a taste for truck gardening "plowed" and cultivated a tiny patch of ground near the curbstone of their residential street and soon had a thriving field of corn. Photograph shows the three city "farmers" tending their crop in the extremely foreign city atmosphere. Left to right, Joe Dambie, Rose Huntsman and Neal Dambie.

Lemonade Stand Up to Date



Complete with cash register is the lemonade stand opened on a St. Louis street corner by Dickie Bradley, left, twelve years old. Constantine Demmas, six years old, hands over a penny for a glass, after a sample sip. Dickie says business is booming.

CLARA BOW'S SON



Clara Bow, former screen glamour girl and wife of Rex Bell, film cowboy actor, shown with her baby son, photographed for the first time in her home in Hollywood, Calif. The son has not yet been named. Miss Bow has a three-and-one-half-year-old boy named Tom.

Czechoslovakia Aids Political Refugees



Poverty-stricken political refugees from Germany and Austria are finding a haven in Czechoslovakia. The government has established a camp for these unfortunate people at Bruenn where they work together at various chores. This group is peeling potatoes.

SWAM 50 MILES



Paul Chotteau, sensational forty-year-old distance swimmer shown taking a bit of light nourishment in Santa Monica hospital, following his spectacular 50-mile swim. Holder of two world's records, Chotteau demanded a steak, but physicians said he was still too exhausted to take anything but light nourishment.

Flood of Pennies for China



Putting her heart and soul into a miniature relief campaign all her own, Carolyn Wong, six years old, collected 4,000 pennies from fellow Chinese school children with which she surprised officials of the United Council for Civilian Relief in China. The money will be added to funds for relief of sufferers of the Japanese invasion.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



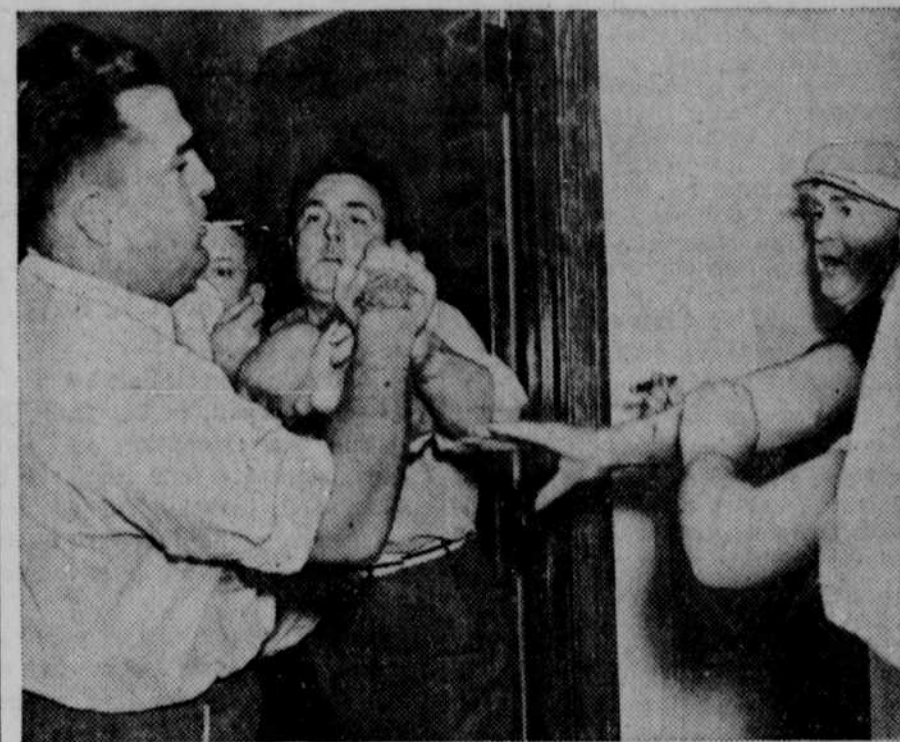
1—German seaplane, the Nordmeer, shown as she was catapulted from the steamship Friesenland in Long Island sound to start the 2,397-mile second half of a round-trip Atlantic crossing to Horta, Azores. 2—Prime Minister Bela Imredy of Hungary and Premier Mussolini receive the salute from an honor guard of Boy Scouts as the Hungarian statesman arrives in Rome for an official visit. 3—Philip Murray, chairman of the SWOC as he appeared before the Public Contracts board hearing in Washington to determine minimum wage rates in the iron and steel industry.

ENVOY TO LATVIA



John C. Wiley of Indiana, now the United States consul general at Vienna, who has been named by the state department as minister to Latvia and Estonia. He will assume his new duties after he winds up his affairs in Vienna.

Exciting Moment at UAW Meeting



Free-for-all fist fights interrupted the trial of four suspended officers of the United Automobile Workers at the headquarters at Detroit. Photograph shows a door-guard swinging fists at some of the rank and file members of the union who demanded admission to the trial.

Memorial to Unknown Soldier of China



Commemorating the second anniversary of the Chino-Japanese conflict, Gen. Chen Cheng of the Chinese Nationalist army breaks ground for a memorial to the Chinese unknown soldier which will be erected at Hankow, China. With the stubborn resistance of Chinese armies marshaled by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, the invading Japanese forces have been delayed in achieving the military victory they expected early in the hostilities. In several instances the Chinese forces have inflicted surprise defeats on the Nipponese.

Sink Is Cool Place in Summer



When summer comes to West Roxbury, Mass., the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James McKinnon climb into the kitchen sink and turn on the water. Carolyn Jean at the left can't be interested in the camera, but Marilyn Jean has a saucy stare for the photographer. Carolyn Jean seems to derive pleasure from dousing her head with a rinsing brush. At least it adds to her coolness.

CHARLIE BROADCASTS



Charlie Grimm, until recently manager of the Chicago Cubs, has taken on new duties as a radio announcer at the ball games in Chicago. Charlie, succeeded as manager by Gabby Hartnett, is shown telling the radio audience about a sensational play. Charlie broadcasts home games of both the Cubs and Sox.