

EARACHE.

This difficulty may be caused by inflammation, or by insects or some foreign substance within the ear, or it may be a nervous affection.

Treatment.— Foreign substances may be removed from the ear by holding the head in such a position that the affected ear is downward, then with a small syringe inject warm water into the ear. In other cases, it may be necessary to remove the substance with forceps. Vermin or insects in the ear may be destroyed by introducing soap suds containing a drop of carbolic acid to a table spoonful of water, or the ear may be filled with sweet oil, and the vermin will slip out. If the pain continues, give either the sitz-bath, the hot-air-bath or vapor-bath, and a hot fomentation over the ear.