

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

NASO-PLASTIC INNOVATIONS

THE EDITORS,

The Journal of Laryngology and Otology.

SIRS,—In regard to Mr J. L. Aymard's letter published in your issue of May 1923, and his claim to the evolvement of the principle of the tubed pedicle, I cannot do better than quote a letter which I wrote to *The Lancet* of 7th August 1920, in reply to a previous communication from Mr Aymard on the subject.

TO THE EDITOR OF

The Lancet.

THE TUBED PEDICLE IN PLASTIC SURGERY.

"SIR,—The operating books, surgical records, and ward sisters' report books of the Queen's Hospital show the following statement of fact. The first occasion on which the pedicles of a face flap were definitely tubed occurred at the first operation which I performed on A.B.V., the burnt seaman, the operation taking place on 3rd October 1917. The tubed pedicles progressed so well that the second stage operation, division of the pedicle towards its base for use on the face, was performed on 18th October 1917 (Mr. H. C. Mallison operating for me). Captain J. L. Aymard's case, B.C.H., was operated upon on 18th October 1917, when he designed an original flap for making the nose and at the same time 'tubed' it, in the same way as was done in my case. I am to blame in not informing Captain Aymard at the time he published his rhinoplasty case in your paper, that he was not the first to evolve the principle of 'tubing' the pedicle.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

H. D. GILLIES."

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL,
SIDCUP, 3rd August 1920.

In regard to the method of inserting cartilage for depressed noses, my incision and method of inserting cartilage and support are original, but there are many other good ways of doing the operation.—I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

H. D. GILLIES.

THE USE OF COCAINE IN MUCILAGE OF TRAGACANTH.

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SIRS,—For some months I have been using cocaine dissolved in mucilage of tragacanth for operations on the nose. It has given so much satisfaction to myself, and to those who work with me, that I am induced to ask others to give it a trial. Used in 15 or 20 per cent. strength, with the addition of one quarter the amount of