rather broader at the margin of the foramen than above. The dura and arachnoid are punctured, and the cerebro-spinal fluid allowed to escape slowly. These membranes are then divided for the whole length of bone gap, a drain of gutta-percha tissue inserted, and the wound sutured round it. The author has operated by this method in three cases of suppurative meningitis, all in the last stages, and they all died, but the operation was easily and rapidly performed, drainage was free to the end and all the symptoms were ameliorated.

A fourth case of otitic streptococcal meningitis operated on by Kopetzky also died, but without stupor, slowed pulse, or choked disc cure being prevented by the extent of the infection.

The author states that with early diagnosis and operation some lives will be saved. *A. J. Wright.*

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Paracusis Willisii and the Motor Car.—The following advertisement appeared a few weeks ago in a well-known London newspaper (names are suppressed):

An owner writes: "You are aware that although I have been a supporter of your firm from its first inception and am still perfectly satisfied with the recent six cylinder car of your make in my possession, I have lately purchased a new four cylinder chassis of foreign manufacture at a price scarcely inferior, if at all, to that which your own so fully justifies. I write, therefore, to explain to yourselves why I have done so.

"Your cars are now recognised all the world over as unrivalled, especially perhaps in the matter of silence. Each year finds them more and more perfect in this respect. Each year finds me more and more deaf.

"I find, however, *I can hear much better in a car that makes a noise.* Amid the hum of shaft, gears, and timing wheels, the tapping of valves, the puffing of exhaust, and the banging of the cut-out, I once again experience the *old familiar charm of each varying inflection of the human voice.*

"My new car is amply accommodated in all these details.

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