the methods differ in no material way from those familiar to all modern rhinologists, we are at a loss to account for this able and well-informed worker applying to any of them the terms "new and simplified." The monograph is well worth reading as an example of able reasoning and, further, as a useful, practical guide to the treatment of a common and troublesome malady.

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