## NASAL SPLINTS.

By R. LAKE.

FOR several months past it has been the custom of the writer to use splints cut out of rubber sheeting for all intranasal work requiring them. The rubber sheeting, which can be obtained at any rubber or instrument shop, should be kept in three sizes or thicknesses, one-eighth, two-eighths, and three-eighths of an inch.

The exact shape and size varies with each case to a certain extent, but as a good general guide the splint should be as large as will enter the anterior nares; as to shape, the splint may be either straight or boomerang shaped, the latter enabling one to get pressure higher up in the septum. If the thickest sheeting is used the edges should have a long bevel given them by cutting with a sharp and wet knife.

Some of my colleagues at the Royal Ear Hospital have also found these both cheap and efficient. They cannot become septic any more than vulcanite; they exert an elastic pressure which is less apt to cause sloughing, and which is almost surprisingly effective.

Messrs. Mayer & Co. are having some corrugated sheeting made which will enable more air to pass through, losing nothing in efficiency.

## THE RADICAL CURE OF MAXILLARY SINUSITIS.

By R. LAKE.

IN the note on this operation in the April number of this journal, I carelessly made use of the word "copied," and am most grieved that Dr. Luc should have so read it that I implied a deliberate injustice on his part. I tender him my sincere apology; nothing of the kind was meant, and really was not implied, for a few lines further it was stated that neither Dr. Spicer nor Dr. Luc probably were aware of the original paper. I knew Dr. Spicer was not, and now we know Dr. Luc was not.

# SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

## UNION OF WEST GERMAN THROAT AND EAR SURGEONS.

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*President*—HOPMAN.

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