

## SIMPLE TECHNIQUE FOR SPLITTING THE LID IN THE KUHN-T-SZYMANOWSKI ECTROPION OPERATION\*

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THE usual procedure in the Kuhnt-Szymanowski operation is to commence by splitting the lid along the grey line. Sometimes there may be difficulty identifying this line and also the plane into which the splitting of the lid should be carried, because the lid margin is thickened and its direction distorted.

It may be found helpful to reverse the order of the customary steps by first excising the triangle of skin at the outer canthus. This makes it possible to undermine with scissors the medial edge of this triangle, forming a tunnel in the desired plane of the substance of the lid. The undermining is taken right up to the roots of the lashes. It is now an extremely simple matter to complete the splitting of the lid using the scissors with one blade inside the substance of the lid and one blade along the outer aspect of the lid margin. Using small snips accurate splitting of the desired extent can be produced (Figure).

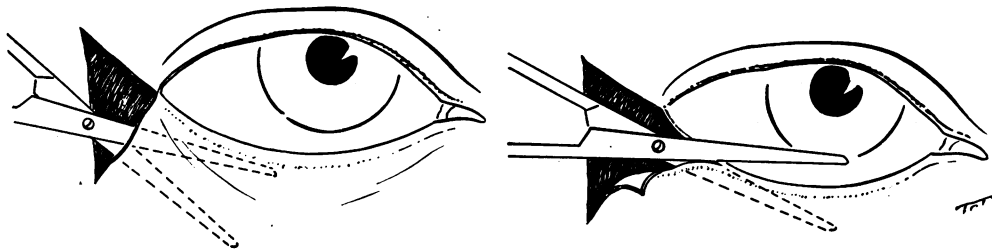


FIGURE.—(a) Undermining in the substance of the lid.

(b) Splitting the lid with scissors.

The other stages of the usual technique are then carried out.

An objection to the method may be the predetermination of the amount of skin to be removed in the triangle. Some surgeons prefer to judge this after the lid has been split. Although this view is not held by the writer, it may be pointed out that it is just as simple to split the lid as described above having made only a single incision, *viz.* the one that is the medial edge of the triangle subsequently to be removed.

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