

M0003716: Cupping instrument, pipe and splints

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FIG. 22. (a) Peculiar wooden instrument with cupped end (depth not well shown in photograph) and with a hole in one side slanted upwards into which a hollow reed could be inserted. Possibly used for cupping, by pressing the hollow-cut end against the skin and sucking out the air through the reed. (b) Cliff dweller's stone pipe. Also used for cupping and in the suction treatment of abscesses and suppurating wounds. (Museum of State Historical and Natural History Society, Denver, Colo.)



FIG. 23. Splints found in ancient cliff dwellings of southwestern Colorado. (Museum of the State Historical and Natural History Society, Denver, Colo.)

the skeleton of a woman was recently found, by Mr. Earl H. Morris, with rude splints in place upon a fracture of both bones of the forearm.

Splints were padded with various soft substances, and those of bark were at times filled with moist clay, which must have been both efficient and com-