

M0009794: Illustration of Coxeter's screw lever duck-bill speculum

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UTERINE INSTRUMENTS, SPECULA, DILATORS ETC. (continued).

J. COXETER & SON have much pleasure in calling attention to the following opinions of the profession; and have authority to state that Dr. WEST, Sir JAMES SIMPSON, and many other gentlemen, consider it the most simple and efficient instrument hitherto invented.

Extract from a review of Dr. BENNET's work on "Inflammation of the Uterus" (second edition) : *London Journal of Medicine*, Feb. 1852, p. 172 :—

"Before concluding, however, we must quote a paragraph from his 'Appendix on the Physical Examination of the Uterus and its Appendages.' We allude to the *Form of the Speculum*, which is a very important consideration. Dr. BENNET generally employs the bivalve speculum, as ingeniously modified by Mr. COXETER.

"The bulging of the vagina between the open valves of the bivalve speculum renders it of no use in the cases in which this occurs. Mr. Coxeter has met the difficulty by very ingeniously combining the conical and bivalve specula. He has made an instrument, which, when closed, represents the No. 3 conical speculum, slightly flattened transversely. The cone, however, is composed of two valves, which can be separated to any extent by means of a hinge. We thus get the side protection of the conical, and the expansive power of the bivalve speculum. This is, indeed, a most valuable instrument, and has enabled me to discard, almost entirely, the largest conical size'" (p. 501). !

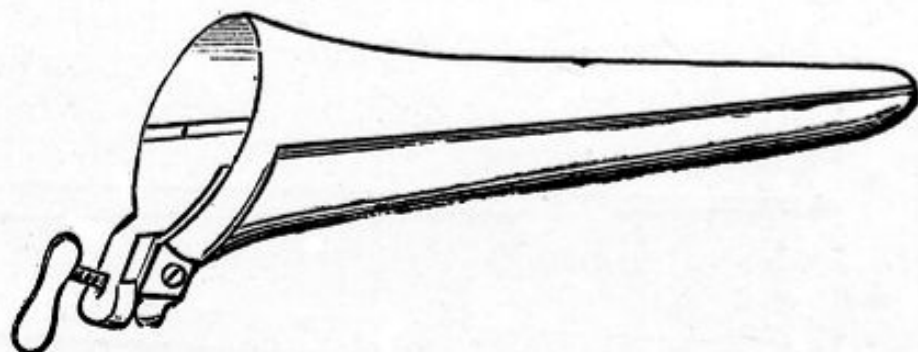


Fig. 78.

COXETER'S screw lever duck-bill speculum of two sizes									
(Fig. 78)	1	4	0
Ditto plated	1	10	0
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