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A New Uterine Curetting Forceps.

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I HAVE long felt the need of a better instrument for curetting the fundus uteri than any now in use. I have used the Sim's curette for removing the diseased mucosa of the anterior and posterior walls of the uterus, and the Martin curette (Recamier-Roux) to remove that on the fundus. It is comparatively easy to thoroughly curette the anterior and posterior walls, but, if the uterus is enlarged, it is very difficult to deal satisfactorily with the fundus. This is especially true when the fundal mucous membrane is the seat of adenoma.

I wish to present a cutting curette forceps which I have devised especially for curetting the fundus uteri. I have used it for some months, and am much pleased with its work. The forceps is very useful also for removing small polypi.

The following are the dimensions of the forceps: Total length, 8 inches; length of handle to pivot of lock, 5 inches; length from cutting-blades to pivot of lock, 3 inches; width of fenestrated cutting-blades, 3/8 inch.

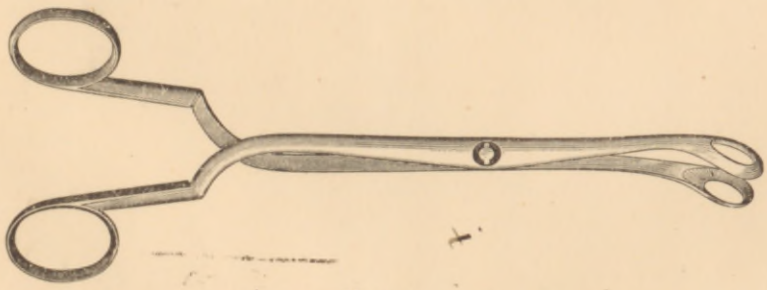

FIG. 1.

A glance at the illustration will show that the well-known curetting forceps, used for removing adenoid growths from the vault of the pharynx, was used as a model, such changes being made as to adapt it to uterine work.