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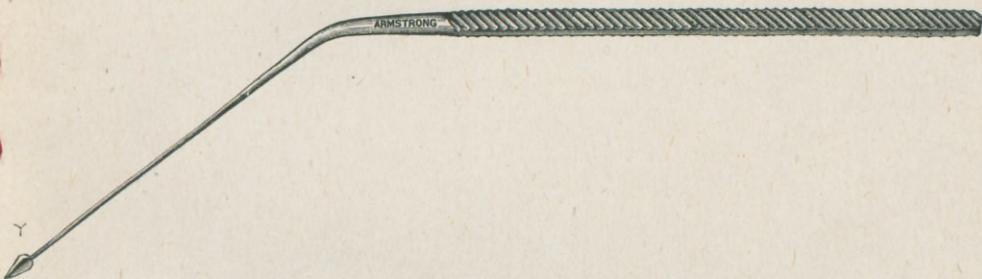
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NEW INSTRUMENTS

A NEW MYRINGOTOME.

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THE accompanying illustration is that of an instrument which I have found so useful that I wish to offer it to the profession. It is a myringotome, the operative extremity of which consists of three triangular blades set upon a shaft at equal intervals, and terminating in a common point. Each blade cuts on the principle of a Beer's cataract knife. This instrument makes a triple incision—represented at the left of the figure—at a single



puncture. It is of service, of course, chiefly in cases of inspissated or tenacious mucus or pus in the tympanum. In these cases a simple, slit-like incision is often wholly inadequate for the removal of the masses, and the triple incision produced by the instrument I offer is, as compared with either a flap or an extensive incision formed by a knife, produced with less difficulty to the operator and less pain to the patient, since it is made at one single puncture.

The instrument is made by Wm. H. Armstrong & Co., of Indianapolis, Ind., to whom my thanks are due for skill shown in its construction.

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