

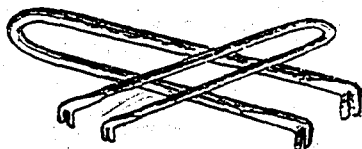
BEING long a follower of Mr. Henry Smith, the well known London surgeon, in his method of treatment of hæmorrhoids by clamp and cautery, I have many times encountered difficulties in using his instrument. Its width, when the tumors were situated high up the rectum, making it unhandy, and a graver trouble when both hands were occupied—one grasping the tumor with a forceps, and the other applying the clamp—its necessitating a second person to screw the blades together. In several instances, undue pressure in doing so has, to my annoyance, broken the forceps away from its attachment. I find the above instrument to be an improvement on Smith's. It was made for me by the celebrated firm of surgical instrument makers, Messrs. George Tiemann & Co., of Park Row, New York, who have faithfully carried out my design. The ratchet (figure 1) I find of sufficient power for all purposes, it being governed by the strong spring (figure 3). I have retained the screw and nut as in Smith's clamp, so that if required in prolonged operations it may be applied as an extra guard, but I do not think it will be found necessary. The bridge existing in the old instrument I have done away with, the blades opening on a plane. The width of the blades I have also considerably curtailed, and, instead of bone, they are cased in talc (figure 4), with the exception of a small groove over the teeth to allow of the application of the cautery. I have found this instrument so handy that I feel justified in bringing it to the notice of the profession.

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DR. O'REILLY'S RETRACTORS.

These Retractors are made out of ordinary telegraph wire. The introducer claims they have several advantages, viz., their simplicity and adaptability for the purposes required. In case of lack of assistance they can be tied back. The flexibility of the metal is such that they can be readily bent to a required shape.



By reversing the end, a bone can be embraced in the loop, and steadied while being operated on, the instrument guarding the soft parts. They are easily kept septic, take up but little room, as the set of five fit one into the other, and their cost is very trifling. Dr. O'Reilly has used them in the practice of the Winnipeg General Hospital and has found them to answer well.

CONTAGIOUS PNEUMONIA.

BY DR. O. E. LATIMER.

Having noticed in the March journal reference to a paper read by Dr. F. Mosler before the Greifswald Medical Society, describing several cases of pneumonia which he believed to have been due to contagion, and having met with a somewhat similar series in my own practice, I send you an account of the same, as, although perhaps not interesting to my more experienced brethren, the occurrence is not a common one. In the month of November, 1888, Mrs. C., living a few miles from this place, was attacked by pneumonia, which