

internal ear. The changes in the eyeball, such as subchoroidal and perineural hæmorrhage, and opacities in the lens have no doubt their analogues in the internal ear and account for what the French designate *surdités à distance*. Among other evidences of pain produced by pressure on a part alleged to be tender is dilatation of the pupil on a sudden, short application of the pressure (p. 339). The reviewer has employed this, a delicate—perhaps too delicate—test of perception of sound in cases of alleged deafness.

The subjects immediately belonging to our department are handled with his usual care and thought by Dr. J. S. Fraser, and the reader who goes carefully through his articles will be abreast of most that is of any value in the oto-laryngology of to-day, including a very full study of the lesions incident to warfare.

Among other articles abstracted or referred to we may indicate as of special interest the one by Dr. Watson-Williams on the exploration of the sphenoidal and other nasal sinuses.

The volume is even richer in illustrations than usual, and it is sure to be as welcome as ever.

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NOTES AND QUERIES.

SECTION PRESIDENTS FOR 1918-19.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Hugh Jones, of Liverpool, as the President of the Otological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine for the forthcoming session, 1918-19.

Dr. James Donelan, London, has been elected President of the Laryngological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine for the same period.

Dr. Donelan has recently been promoted from the office of Chevalier to that of Officer of the Crown of Italy, and we have, therefore, the pleasing duty to perform of congratulating the new President upon a double honour.

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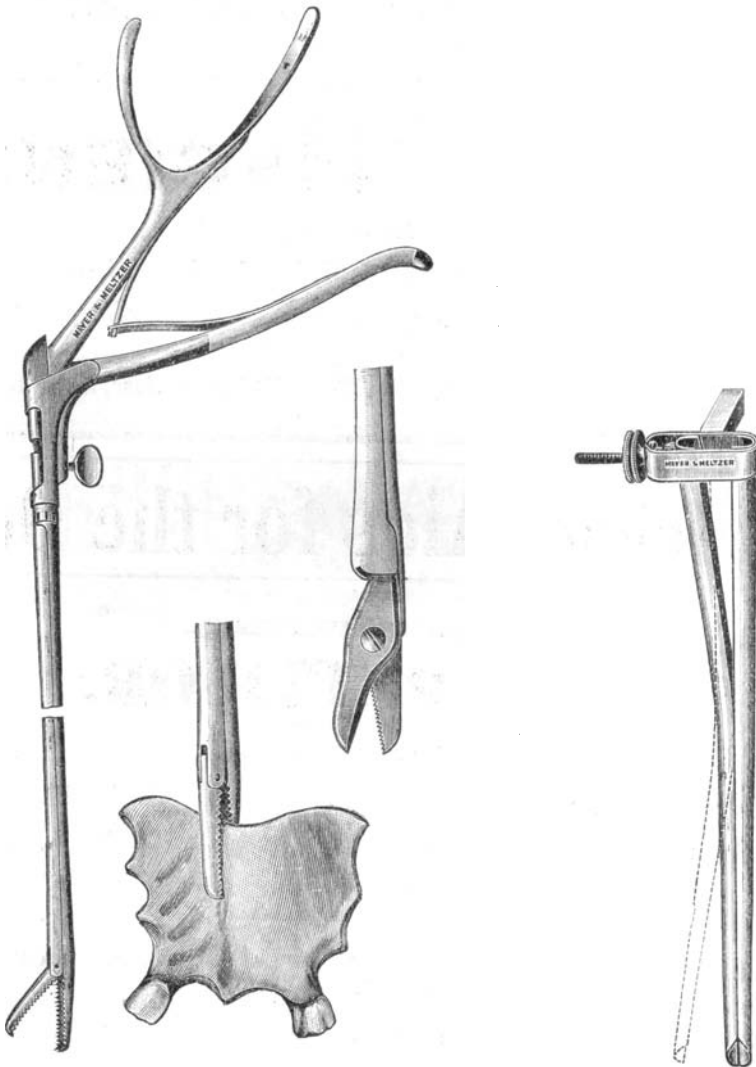
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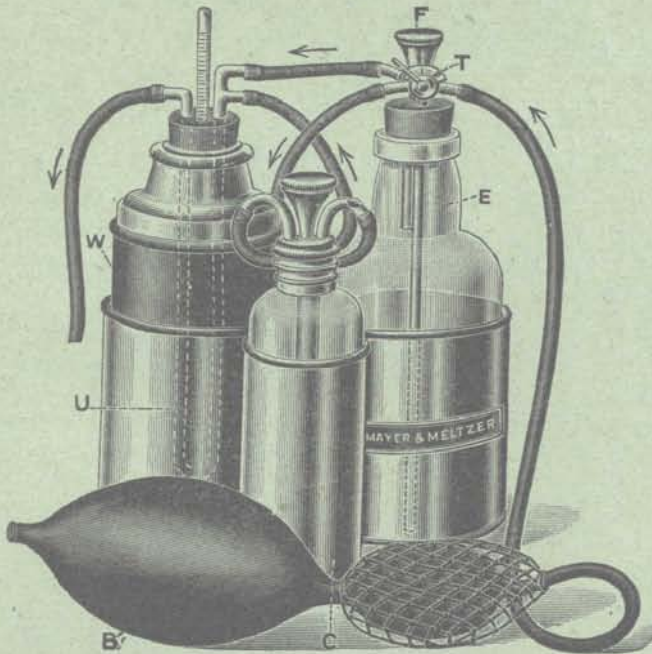
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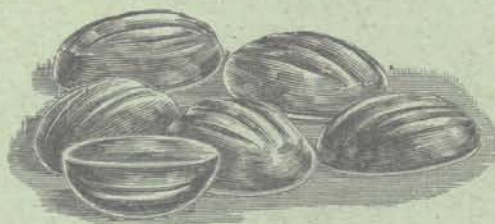
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