

exposed. But these, which are known as bi-valve specula (Fig. 1) are not much employed at the present

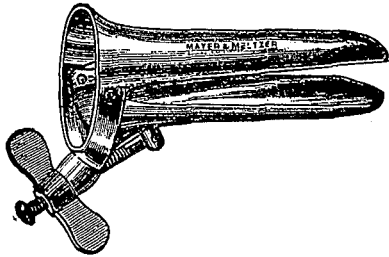


FIG. 1.

day. The simplest and the best specula are of two shapes, the "duck-bill" and the "cylindrical." The former (Fig. 2) is chiefly used in operations, in order to draw back the perinæum and the posterior wall of the vagina; the latter, of which the Fergusson

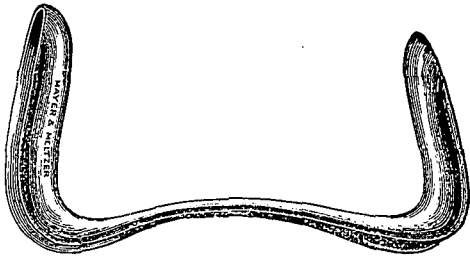


FIG. 2.

speculum (Fig. 3) is the type, consists of a hollow tube of glass or celluloid, coated inside with silvered glass, which thus reflects the necessary light for inspec-

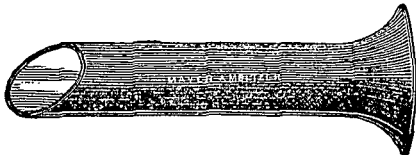


FIG. 3.

tion. For all practical purposes, therefore, the Fergusson speculum is the one which the Nurse will most frequently, if not invariably, be called upon to use, and attention may, therefore, be confined to this. There are various sizes; the one chosen should be such as slightly to distend the vaginal walls, and thus permit any abrasion, or ulceration, of its surface to be observed. In all gynaecological treatment, the Nurse will find it better to place the patient in what is known as the Marion Sims position, that is to say, on her left side with the left arm behind the back, the body face downwards, and the knees drawn well up. If injections are to be used, it is also well to place a pillow covered with a waterproof and draw sheet underneath the hips, so as to tilt the body still lower than the pelvis.

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A MEETING of the Executive Committee was held at the offices of the Association on Friday, July the 6th, at 4.30 p.m., at which Her Royal Highness the President presided, deputing Mr. Pickering Pick to take the Chair in her absence. The following registered Nurses were elected members of the Corporation:—

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Kate Ness	... King's College Hospital.
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Alice Ravenhill,
Secretary to the Corporation.

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