AN IMPROVED SNARE.

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The snare has a short finger reach. It is light weight, yet strong enough for the heaviest kind of work.

The *eccentric wheel* "A," when lever "B" is turned down causes the spring catches "C," one on each side of lock, to fit into worms so firmly, that it is impossible for the snare to slip or strip the threads when the ecraseur is used.

Fig. 1. A, cross-section of eccentric wheel; B, lever which turns wheel, locking and unlocking snare; C, spring catch; D, end view of cannula tip. Drawings are of exact size of snare.

The joint between the end of the snare and the of the *cannula* is morticed and held firm by a ferrule.

The stylet, or wire carrier, is extra heavy. Also the flared end of the cannula.

Both stylet and cannula are made especially for No. 9 wire.

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The method employed by the author is immunization by the subcutaneous injection of peptone. One-third of a gram of peptone (Witte or Armour) is dissolved in about 5 c. c. distilled water at blood heat and is injected at intervals of three or four days during the week. The next week two injections, each of two-thirds gram are similarly given and in the third week two injections of 1 gram in 7 to 10 c. c. water. Severe cases may require 1 gram weekly or biweekly for three weeks more. No apparent constitutional reaction follows and little or no local reaction.

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