A NOTE ON HOLDING THE CONJUNCTIVAL FLAP IN SCLERO-CORNEAL TREPHINING

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The accompanying illustration shows a method which I have found useful in performing Colonel Elliot’s operation for glaucoma. An oblique incision is made through the conjunctiva, and a strabismus hook, or some blunt instrument, inserted; the fold of conjunctiva can then be held by an assistant. There seems to be less risk of tearing than with forceps or other instruments; and the flap can be controlled easily.

After results seem to be quite satisfactory so far. Filtration proceeds normally, and the oedema covers a fairly large area. I do not usually find it necessary to insert stitches as the flap stays in position and does not appear to block the trephine hole by scarring.