NEW LACRYMAL SAC RETRACTOR

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THIS instrument was made for me by Messrs. Weiss & Son (London) in March, 1931, and differs from other models in the following respects:—

(a) The blades are a little longer and possess three blunt teeth instead of two. This additional one gives a better retraction of the skin incision and exposure of the area of operation.

(b) The points are blunt and do not tear the atrophic skin of old patients.

(c) The difficulty of introducing the teeth of the retractor, which are larger than in other models, is obviated by undermining the skin incision.

(d) The shaft is curved to fit the contour of the face and not straight as in the other lacrymal sac retractors.

(e) A wider retraction of skin edges is possible and the degree of this can be regulated by a screw.

This instrument is also of use as a retractor in operations for removal of intra-orbital growths and cysts. I have used it in four

such cases with very great advantage; it saves an extra assistant to retract the skin.

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