A MODIFIED BRIGGS' RETRACTOR FOR DACRYOCYSTORHINOSTOMY

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IN the operation of dacryocystorhinostomy good exposure and facilities for manipulation may be effected by the use of a retractor which I have termed a modified Briggs' lacrimal retractor.

The modifications consist in a broad blade-like termination of the shank on the temporal side. This shank is armed with three

blunt curved claws for insertion into the soft tissues and in addition has a slot 16 mm. long by $\frac{3}{8}$ mm. wide for the purpose of inserting a curved metal guard 16 mm. long by 18 mm. deep.

The guard is inserted through the slot at a stage in the operation when the sac has been dissected away from the lacrimal fossa and is drawn temporally, the guard being placed between the sac and the lacrimal fossa. By opening the retractor widely the lacrimal sac and orbital tissues are displaced to the temporal side and protected from injury during the removal of the oval window of bone from the lacrimal fossa. This instrument gives a good exposure, is neater and more exact than any hand retractor and also allows the assistant to have another hand free.

The instrument has been made for me by Down Brothers.