A NEW NEEDLE-HOLDER

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The needle-holder illustrated below in Fig. 1 shows certain modifications of the Silcock pattern. The handle, made of bakelite, is bulbous and shaped like that of an awl and other small carpentry
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tools, thus fitting the hollow of the operator's hand comfortably
and securely.

In front of the handle the shank of the needle-holder is made
broad and flat with a curved shelving extremity at its base, the
upper surface of which accommodates the operator's thumb. The
releasing and fixing catch is surmounted by a small rectangular
plate cross-grooved on its upper surface set at a slight inclination
and resembling a miniature control pedal in a car.

The jaws of the holder are fined down and are considerably
thinner than those of other holders. The opposed surfaces of the
jaws are roughened by criss-cross grooving. The flanks of the
holder are smooth and there are no projecting joints on which
sutures may catch.

This needle-holder is designed for use in all ophthalmic opera-
tions. It may be manipulated in either hand, it holds securely very
small needles such as corneo-scleral needles, and arterial needles
used for suturing radon seeds to the sclera. It is particularly
convenient for tying sutures in conjunction with forceps (see Fig. 2).

Its balance, security, ease of manipulation and smoothness of
action are its chief merits upon which Down Bros. are to be
congratulated for their workmanship.

FIG. 2.