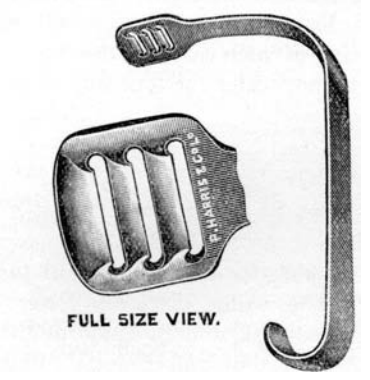
resection of the nasal septum. Immediately after the operation, the other lung became infected, and the patient died three months later.

2. *In those predisposed to tuberculosis.*—The same abstention should be practised in the case of patients with the tubercular diathesis. It is impossible, however, to refuse to the children of tubercular parents the advantages of free air-passages, a normal nose and throat being the best prophylactic for tuberculosis. GAVIN YOUNG.

TONGUE SPATULA.

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The spatula illustrated has been designed to afford a better grip of the tongue than the usual pattern. It has been found extremely useful in steadying the tongue whilst cauterising lymphoid follicles on the pharyngeal



wall, for examining the beds of tonsils after dissection, and for operating for quinsy.

In addition to the inclined slats it has a phlange at the edge to prevent lateral slipping.

The instrument is made by Messrs Philip Harris & Co., Edmund Street, Birmingham.

GENERAL NOTES

The Semon Lecture, University of London, was delivered on 12th July, in the Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, by Professor H. S. Birkett, C.B., M.D., Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, M'Gill University, Montreal. The subject of the Lecture was "The Development of Trans-Atlantic Rhino-Laryngology." We hope to publish an abstract of the Lecture in an early number of the *Journal.*

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