



# Research Collection Catalogue



## Clark's blunt hook and crochet

<https://mhc.andornot.com/en/permalink/artifact3452>

Accession Number:	997001178
Collection:	<a href="#">Queen's University Faculty of Medicine Collection</a>
Category:	<a href="#">Diagnostic &amp; Treatment Artifacts</a>
Classification:	<a href="#">Obstetrics</a>
MeSH Heading:	<a href="#">Extraction, Obstetrical -- instrumentation</a> <a href="#">Abortion, Induced</a> <a href="#">MM= Delivery -- hook -- blunt</a> <a href="#">MM= Delivery -- hook -- crochet</a>
Description:	Clark's blunt hook and crochet, which consists of a solid cylindrical metal handle with a hooked tip at each end; one end has a blunt hook which curves in a semi-circular shape to one side and has a rounded tip; the other end has a crochet hook which curves in a tighter semi-circular shape and ends with a blunted point; both hooks curve to the same side of the central handle, which also curves very slightly in that direction; there are two rectangular ebony grip insets at opposite sides in the centre of the handle.
Number Of Parts:	1
Provenance:	Collected by Dr. A.A. Travill for the Queen's University Faculty of Medicine Collection
Maker:	I. Stevens & Son
Material:	metal: silver wood wood: black
Inscriptions:	The blunt hook end has the words, "I. STEVENS & SON" stamped into the metal on one side, just beside the ebony inset
Permanent Location:	Storage Room 0010 0010-D7-6
Dimension Notes:	Length 25.2 cm x Width 5.2 cm x Depth 1.5 cm
Condition Remarks:	The metal shows minor wear and no staining or corrosion are visible; the ebony insets are complete; one side has a small crack in the wood; the blunt hook end arrived with a tag attached with masking tape -- both were removed
Copy Type:	Original
Reference Types:	Book Document Photograph JPG
Reference Comments:	Previous number #271; Faculty of Medicine Collection 1984 Inventory; "Surgical Instruments," by The Kny-Scheerer Co., 1915, p. 5024 (similar to item E/-1061) (see attached photocopy); photograph (attached); CD #5
Exhibit History:	May 24 - Sept. 13, 2001: Agnes Etherington Art Centre Museopathy exhibit

### Images



## Female Pills



<https://mhc.andornot.com/en/permalink/artifact14173>

Accession Number: 014002043 a-b  
Collection: [Parks Canada Agency Pharmacy Collection](#)  
Category: [Pharmacy and Drug Artifacts](#)  
Classification: [Pharmacy, Other](#)  
MeSH Heading: [Abortion, Induced](#)  
[Drugs, Non-Prescription](#)  
[MM= Drugs -- patent, proprietary, over-the-counter -- container](#)  
[MM= Drugs -- ecboic -- container](#)  
[MM= Drug Packaging -- container -- bottle](#)

Description: Empty short rectangular transparent amber glass bottle tapered at neck with compressed brown paper around wood form used as closure; tan paper label included manufacturer's and product name, decorative frame, with a logo of a lion, a unicorn, a crest and a crown.

Number Of Parts: 2

Part Names: a - bottle - Size: Length 7.0 cm x Width 3.4 cm x Depth 2.9 cm  
c - cap - Size: Length 3.5 cm x Diam. 1.8 cm

Provenance: Transferred from the Parks Canada Agency, via Gail Cariou of the Curatorial and Collections Branch.

Maker: Job Moses, Sir J. Clarke

Site Made (City): [New York](#)

Site Made (State): [New York](#)

Site Made (Country): [United States of America](#)

Dates: 1870  
1890  
circa 1870-1890

Date Remarks: Provided by donor

Material: glass: amber  
paper: tan, brown  
ink: blue

Inscriptions: Printed on label: "JOB MOSES, // SIR J. CLARKE'S // FEMALE // PILLS";  
embossed on sides: "JOB // MOSES"

Permanent Location: Storage Room 0010  
0010-A4-8 Box 5 Row B

Condition Remarks: Paper has yellowed shows minor wear, surface with grime and stains; paper stopper is brittle and frayed

Copy Type: Original

Reference Types: Internet

Reference Comments: <http://www.ebay.com/itm/JOB-MOSES-1870-EARLY-ABORTION-PILL-BOTTLE-SIR-JAMES-CLARKES-FEMALE-PILLS-/251793323718>

Research Facts: This bottle would have contained the Great English Remedy Sir James Clarke's Celebrated Female Pills or used as an early abortion pill. It was the 19th century way of having an abortion in the privacy of your own home. The bottle actually came with a pamphlet warning the pills "should not be taken during the first three months of pregnancy, as they are sure to bring on miscarriage". This basically told females, this will give you a miscarriage to get rid of your baby during the first three months. It's main active ingredient was Oil of Savin which was used for a long time to procure an abortion. It was also advertised "To married ladies the medicine is peculiarly suited. It will in a short time bring on the Monthly Period with great regularity." It was noted as early as 1857 that this was an "abortion pill" and many deaths to the women were attributed to it. There were also many court cases as well. The disclaimer "not to be taken during the first three months" was said to protect the proprietor from any wrongdoing. The proprietor used Job Moses as a agent in the United States and said his labels would be affixed to a bottle that read JOB MOSES.

Images

