

ISAACS' OPERATING AND EXAMINING TABLE.

The Isaacs' Operating and Examining Table is especially designed for simplicity and easy manipulation. It is very neat and of solid construction.

The table is built on aseptic principles, all enameled steel. It consists of a central body and head and foot wings. The head wing holds its position automatically wherever placed in raising it; and, by releasing the small lever at its side, it can be lowered to any position. The foot wing, which is detachable, also works automatically, and will hold its position at any angle. The lowering is done by releasing a lever at the end of the foot wing, which frees the ratchet and allows it to be lowered to any position.

For the lithotomy position or gynæcological examinations, this foot wing is not needed. It can either be left hanging in place or removed entirely. The central body of the table consists of two leaves slightly inclined toward the centre with an open space between them for drainage. This space broadens out into a U shape in front, allowing freedom in vaginal or rectal examination or instrumentation. Below this space is a gutter, which empties into the drainage pan or bucket.

The head piece is shaped with a slight angular depression toward its centre which drains into the same gutter and pan. The gutter can be drawn out, if necessary, to catch the vaginal irrigation, etc., or if not needed for that purpose, can be pushed back out of the way, allowing ample space for instrumentation.

This table can be transformed from an operating table into a perfect chair, by raising the head wing and removing the foot wing. When thus used, the centre body forms the seat, which can be raised as high as desired, without changing the angle or relation between seat and back, hence the physician does not need to stoop in order to make rectal or vaginal examination, but may raise the patient to any convenient height. In irrigating, the seat can be lowered below the horizontal position, thus causing the drainage to flow forward, and not soil the clothing of the patient. This table is arranged with clamps that receive interchangeable gynæcological or lithotomy stirrups of any pattern. The head piece is supplied with clamps to receive shoulder supports and a head rest if needed.

An important feature of the table is the arrangement for raising it into, or lowering it from, the Trendelenberg position. Wherever the crank stops, the table stays where it is, no matter how heavy a patient be on it. Moreover, by a system of leverage in the mechanism, the weight of the patient is reduced to about one-tenth, so that in raising or lowering there is

no extra effort required, and with a patient on the table a child could manipulate it. That the good points of the table are appreciated is attested by the fact, that the new Mount Sinai Hospital has accepted the pattern for use in its wards and dressing rooms. **Price, \$40.00.**

