

MODIFICATION IN THE APPLICATION OF THE UPPER BLADE OF LONG FORCEPS.

DR. W. L'HEUREUX BLENKARNE (Leicester) writes: Why so many practitioners seem to be so "taken" with putting on the upper blade first, I cannot imagine; but for those who follow the good old-fashioned plan of putting on the lower blade first, there is no simpler modification of putting on the upper blade than to use the long forceps which I introduced to the notice of the profession in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of February 23rd, 1889. The upper blade of these forceps is hinged, and its adaptation is as easy as that of the upper blade of any short forceps. They can be procured at Coxeter and Son's. Reversing the "lock" of the forceps, as suggested by Dr. Brand in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of November 29th, appears to me to "make confusion worse confounded."

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