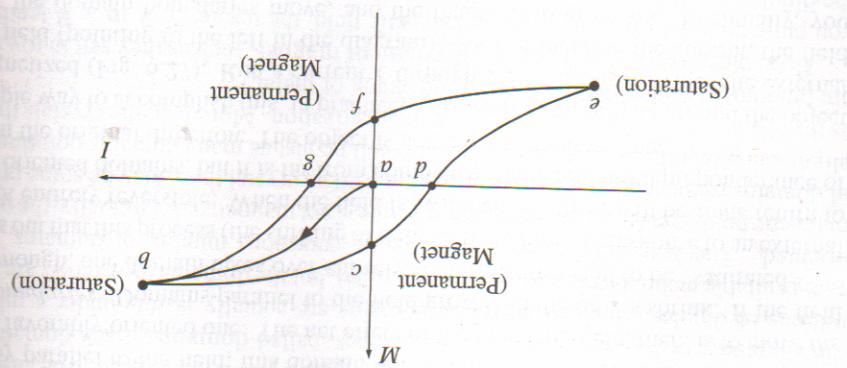


⁸Etymologically, the word *hysteresis* has nothing to do with the word *history*—nor with the word *hy-*

Figure 6.28



The path we have traced out is called a **hysteresis loop**. Notice that the magnet depends not only on the applied field (that is, on I), but also on its magnetic "history."⁸ For instance, at three different times in our experiment the wrench was zero (a , c , and f), yet the magnetization was different for each of them. Actually it is proportional to I , so to all intents and purposes B is proportional to M .

Meantwhile, $B = \mu_0(H + M)$, but in practice M is huge compared to H , so to all intents and purposes B is proportional to M . This is approximated by a long solenoid, with n turns per unit length. When $H = 0$, $B = \mu_0 M$. This is the reason why the loops are roughly rectangular. If H is large enough, the loops will be roughly circular.

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