



DESCRIPTION AND SUGGESTED USES

This 1890 training device was designed to teach ophthalmologists learning to perform eye surgery. Pig eyes were set in the sockets and held in place by the spring-loaded concave disks. This device was made in Vienna, Austria by Josept Leiter. Artifact courtesy of the Colorado Springs Pioneers' Museum.

SUGGESTED USES

1. Utilize this artifact to introduce and discuss changes in society in the late 19th century:
 - a. This item was made in Austria. What systems would have to be in place for a hospital in the Midwest to learn about, purchase, and receive such an item?
 - b. What does this item tell us about the state of medicine in the United States in the late 1890s?
 - i. Remember that until after the Civil War, hospitals were places where one went to die.
 - ii. Germ theory and sterile practices are emerging at this time, which would make surgery more available and less dangerous.