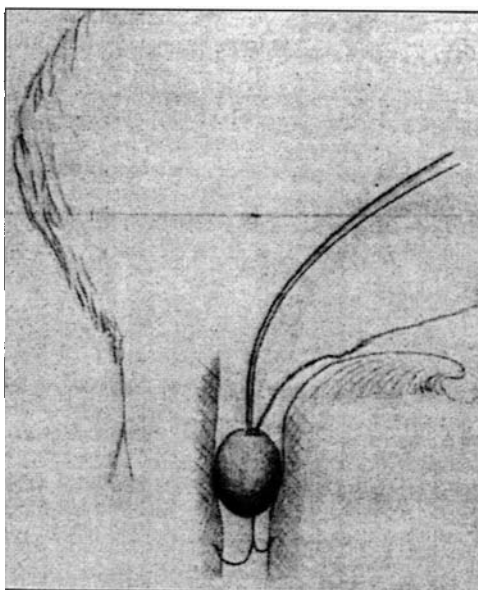


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Original Drawing and Description by Sir Robert Christison of a Method for Removal of a Double Fish-Hook from the Gullet (date 1819).



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“Edinr., Sepr. 24th, 1819.

“Dear Sir,—The rude sketch given above will communicate a pretty good idea of the mode in which the hook was extracted from the boy’s throat at our hospital here about a fortnight ago. The hook was double (one division being less than the other), and had fixed itself across the gullet from before backwards, though not so far down as I have represented it. The wire attached to it hung out of the mouth. A hole was drilled through the *ivory ball of a probang, but not in its centre*, the reason of which is evident when it is considered that the two divisions of the hook were unequal. The boy was able to give a tolerably accurate description of its size and form, so that it fortunately happened that the ball suited it exactly; both barbs were covered by the ball, and the whole was easily removed after being first slightly pushed down in order to loosen the attachments of the barbs. The extraction was considerably facilitated, in the opinion of the surgeon, by previous suppuration. Though it had remained about twelve days the boy recovered without a bad symptom.

“I remain, yours most sincerely,

“R. CHRISTISON.”