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**A NEW PLEXIMETER.**

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IN determining the position, size, and exact boundaries of the accessible abdominal organs, indirect percussion offers distinct advantages over direct percussion. It enables the physician to detect more delicate shades in the percussion-note, such as those between the resonance over the stomach and that over the empty colon, and in determining the boundaries between the colon and the small intestine.

For the new specialty of diseases of the digestive organs, which is now assuming such great importance in the medical world, a good percussor and pleximeter are therefore indispensable. The percussors found in the instrument-stores are generally satisfactory, but not so the pleximeters. All that I have seen hitherto are inconvenient to use, and very awkward to carry in the pocket. The following cut represents a pleximeter I have devised to overcome these defects :



It is made of rubber of medium hardness, so as to be moderately elastic and yet rigid enough to permit of being pressed firmly against the part percussed. The ends are of unequal size, the smaller end usually serving as the handle, but in percussing between the ribs of children, above the clavicle, or in any place where very delicate percussion is necessary, the larger end may be used as the handle, while the smaller serves as the pleximeter.



