

Dr. Young's Ideal Rectal Dilators

Dr. Young's Ideal Rectal Dilators were a medical device sold in the United States from the late nineteenth century until at least the 1940s, part of the burgeoning market for patent and proprietary medicines and devices at the time.^[1] They were a set of four "torpedolike"^[2] hard-rubber^[3] (later, plastic) instruments varying in diameter from 1⁄2 to 1 inch and in length from 3 to 4 inches,^[4] and according to a retrospective article in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, no different from modern rectal dilators.^[5]

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The New Way, September 1893. The case, according to this advertisement, was "handsome and permanent."

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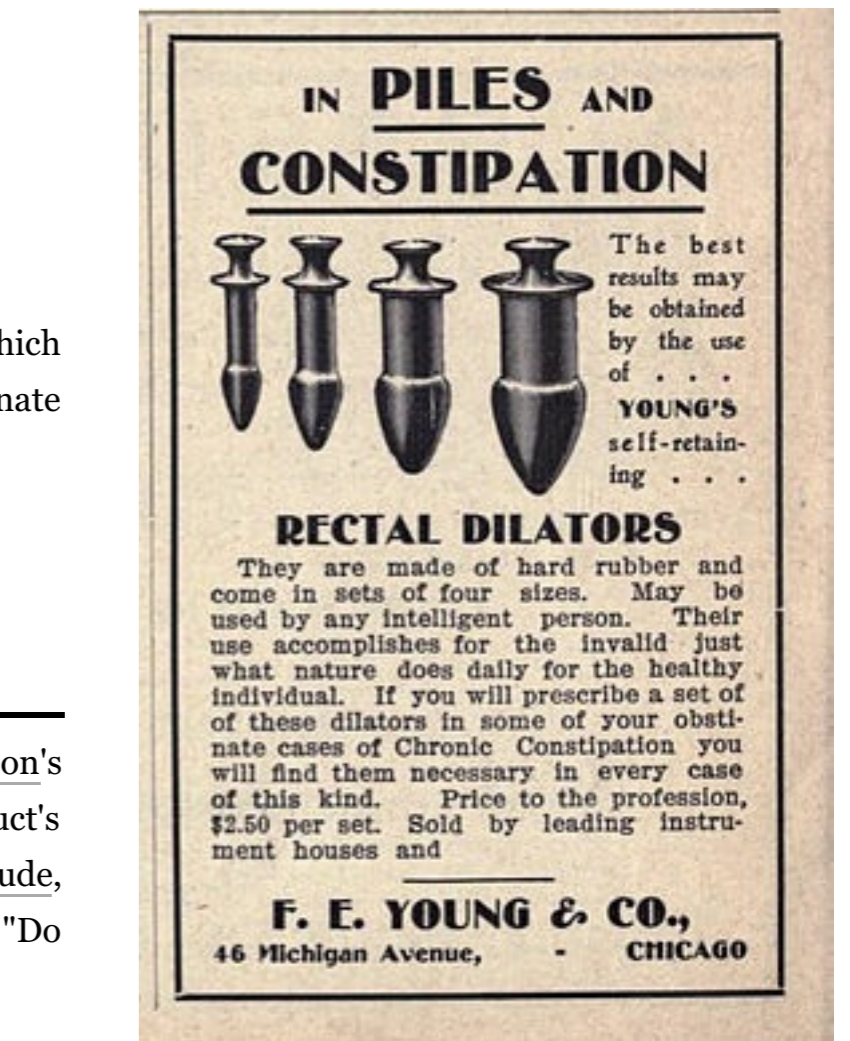
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