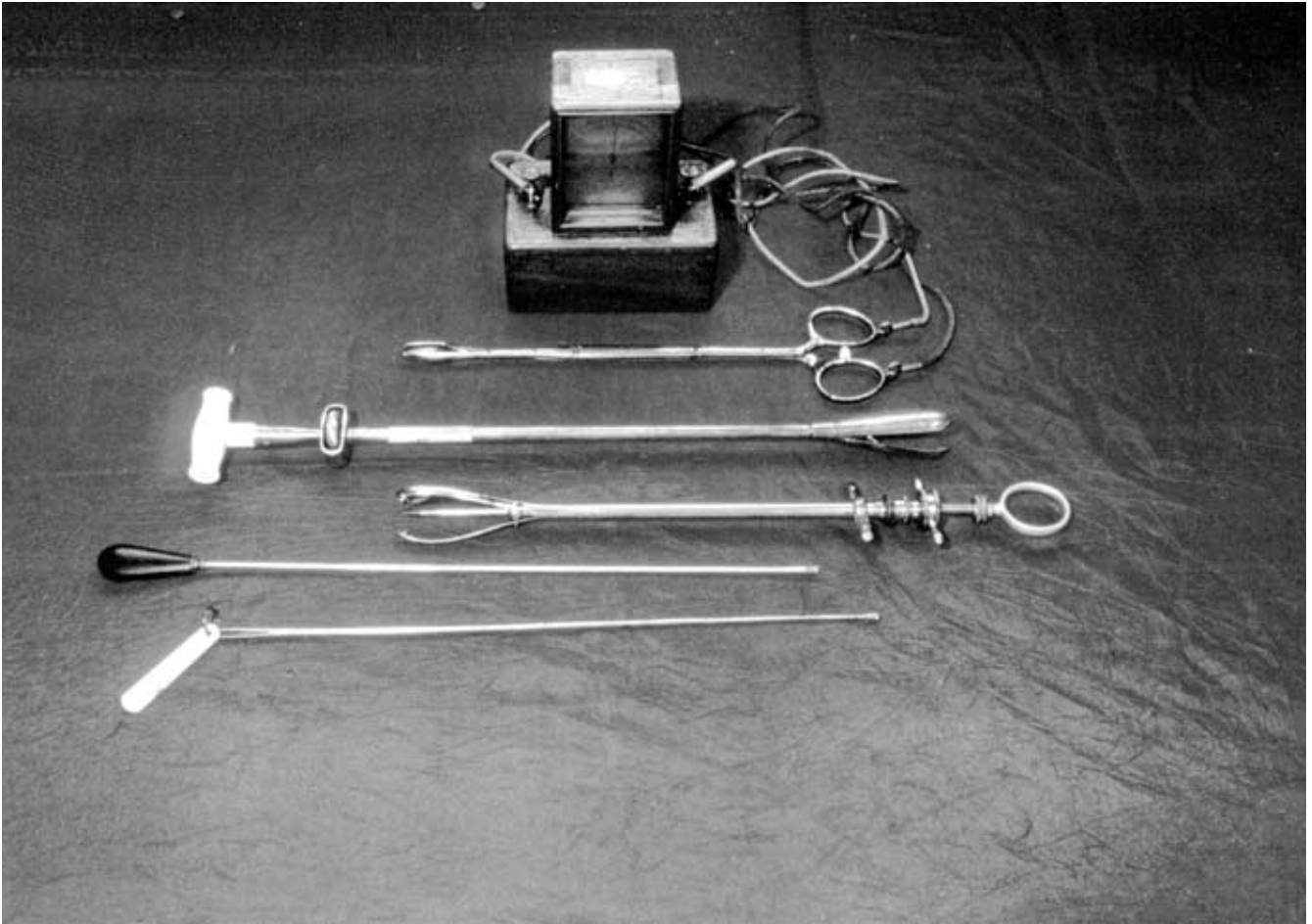

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Bullet Extractors

In the latter half of the 19th century surgeons were always looking for easier ways of locating and extracting bullets and several bullet extractors were invented. These took several forms and the Army Medical Services Museum has examples. One comprised a probe which slid down the track to locate the bullet, and then an extractor was inserted over the probe and the jaws closed around the bullet. The whole instrument, with bullet included, was

then withdrawn. Another comprised a pair of forceps with an electrical meter and bell attached; the latter ringing when the bullet was located and the circuit completed.

With the increased use of X-Rays by the medical services accompanying the campaigns at the end of the 19th century it is doubtful if these devices ever found wide usage

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