A DISSECTOR FOR PTOSIS SURGERY*

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IN a previous communication concerning an anterior approach for advancement and resection of the levator palpebrae superioris (Dalglish, 1963), the use of a soft-tissue dissector was described. It is the purpose of this paper to present details of this instrument in its definitive form.†

The overall length of the double-bladed dissector is 14 cm., the broad blade being 6 mm., and the narrow blade 3 mm. wide. Both blades are flat in their short axes, and curved in their long axes. The edges are rounded (Figure).

FIGURE.—Instrument viewed from the side and from above.

The broad blade of this instrument has been designed to facilitate the exposure of the anterior surface of the levator *via* a new anterior approach, as indicated in the previous communication. The narrow blade facilitates dissection of the sub-conjunctival plane *via* a small vertical incision passing through the levator aponeurosis and Müller's muscle.

Although specifically designed for ptosis surgery, the instrument has proved useful for soft-tissue dissection in other situations.

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