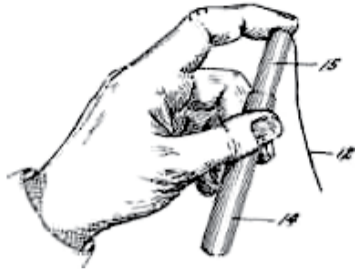


TOP TEN SIMPLE MEDICAL DEVICES THAT CHANGED THE WORLD.



TAMPON

The ancient Egyptians had papyrus ones, but the first modern tampon with a simple applicator was invented by Dr. Earle Haas in 1931, and a new age of convenience began.



ARTIFICIAL LIMBS

Simply recreating a missing limb is a very early notion. A copper artificial leg was found in a tomb in Italy dated 300 BC.

THERMOMETER

Gabriel Fahrenheit (1686-1736) first saw that mercury expands predictably when heated. The detection of a fever meant innumerable lives saved.



STRETCHER

These simple slings have existed since antiquity, transporting millions to life-saving care.



TOOTHBRUSH

From Babylonian "chewing sticks" to the first mass marketed toothbrush in 1855, this simple tool has had a worldwide impact on oral health.



CRUTCH

An Egyptian tomb carving from 2830 BC depicts a figure leaning on a simple crutch-like staff

HYPODERMIC NEEDLE

Basically a simple piston, it was introduced in the mid 1800s. Innoculations and drug injections have since saved millions.

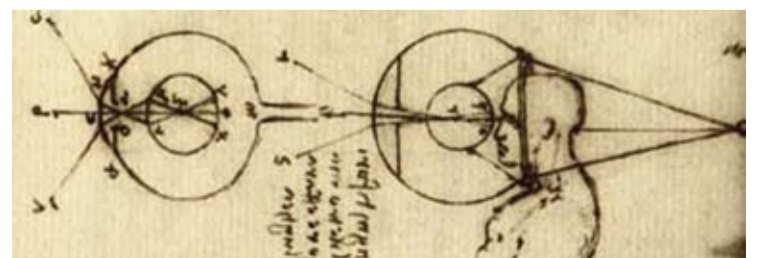


DENTAL FILLINGS

The simple idea of filling a cavity to prevent further decay traces back to the earliest times. The benefits to humankind in preserving teeth? Incalculable.

CONTACT LENSES

This simple idea came from Leonardo da Vinci. But it would take another 300 years before the real thing introduced a new age of vision.



CONDOM

Condoms date back 400 years. Simple, effective, and one of the world's most popular methods of contraception since the nineteenth century.

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