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YELLOW FEVER IN NEW ORLEANS 1897



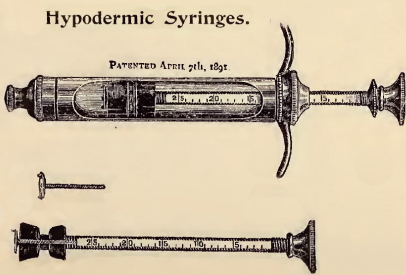
In 2016, archaeologists excavated a privy (outhouse) from the 1897 Yellow Fever hospital in New Orleans and recovered numerous artifacts. The photos below illustrate items used by patients and doctors.



Broken nursing flask



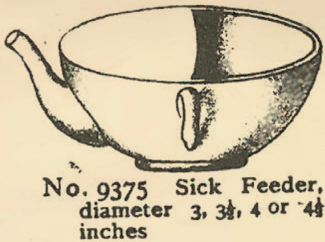
Syringe plunger



Reconstructed bedpan



Reconstructed sick feeder



Medicine Bottles



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The background image portrays the Ford family standing in front of the original P.G.T. Beauregard School. The school was converted into an isolation hospital for Yellow Fever patients during the 1897 epidemic. Once the outbreak subsided, the building reverted back to a school where Johanna Ford (pictured above in the grey dress) worked as a janitress.

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