

# ARCHAEOLOGY OF EPIDEMICS

## 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.

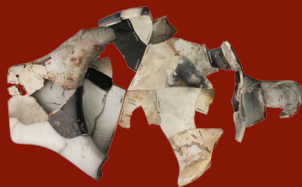
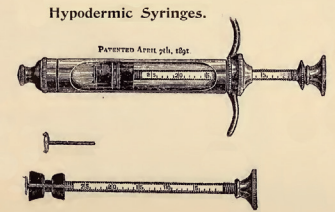


Broken nursing flask

**Nursing Flasks.**  
Graduated to hold 8 ounces, oval shape, straight with sloping sides. No corners, therefore easy to clean. Weight, 14 ounces.  
No. 8F2144  
Price ..... 4c  
Unavailable.



Syringe plunger



Reconstructed bedpan

**Bed Pans.**  
No. 2F596 Bed Pan, medium size, made of finest quality of stone china, finely finished. Weight 8 pounds Price, 85c



Reconstructed sick feeder



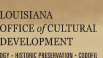
No. 9375 Sick Feeder, diameter 3, 3½, 4 or 4½ inches



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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