
Along with Jean Louis Baudelocque, Levret was one of the two outstanding French obstetricians and gynecologists of the eighteenth century. He wrote on nearly every phase of obstetrics and gynecology, was active in championing the cause of male midwifery, and devised many obstetrical and gynecological instruments. He invented a special obstetrical forceps which he presented to the French Academy in 1747. Levret described the surgical techniques used to remove uterine and vaginal polyps and recorded his experiences in more than thirty cases. Some of the instruments he devised for this type of surgery were prototypes for instruments later used to remove polyps from the nose and throat. The six fine copperplates depict a variety of the ingenious instruments he developed.