

"Guess What" Competition



Attention to all of those who took part in our "Guess What" Competition held at the Heritage Display at our recent show. Here is the information about it.

It is a **Phlebotomy** tool.

To "breath the vein."

This knife or multiblade knife was a veterinary instrument. Used by Vets, farmers and or horse owners.

Basically used for releasing pressure from a swelling in the later part of it's use. Previously the instrument was to release blood from veins which was to rid the animal of ill humors; blood, phlegm, yellow bile and black bile, was a widely used practice in the mid 1800s but its usefulness was debated and questioned in the early 1900s.

Bloodletting is a procedure that goes back more than 3,000 years. Primitive man looked at disease as a curse that was cast upon him by evil spirits.

There is a web site that we found.

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Our thanks to Florence McLaren for her wonderful "Heritage" display and keeping us all guessing!!!!