

Vaginal irrigator 'Sahanoris'



We gave a Sahanoris vaginal douche from the 1930s on permanent loan to the Ravensbrück memorial. This item is intended to serve as a reminder that during the Third Reich all forms of contraception were considered undesirable (for what were termed Aryan women at the time) and abortion was banned completely. Whoever made use of the methods then available was put on trial and sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour or, if found to be a 'dangerous habitual offender', sent to a concentration camp. Even a few death sentences were handed down. A 2009 radio broadcast tells the story of two women from Austrian city of Wels who were sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp for performing backstreet abortions (in German): <http://sendungsarchiv.o94.at/get.php?id=094pr3512>

Vaginal syringe with several tubes and tips. Blue cardboard box with a German sign saying 'der vollkommenste Frauen-Spülapparat' (the ultimate female rinsing device) and an illustrative graphic description.

The device box has been restored for severe damage.

Inventory number: 1876

Material: rubber, metal, cardboard

Dimensions, in cm: 73 x 4,8

Date: before 1926

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