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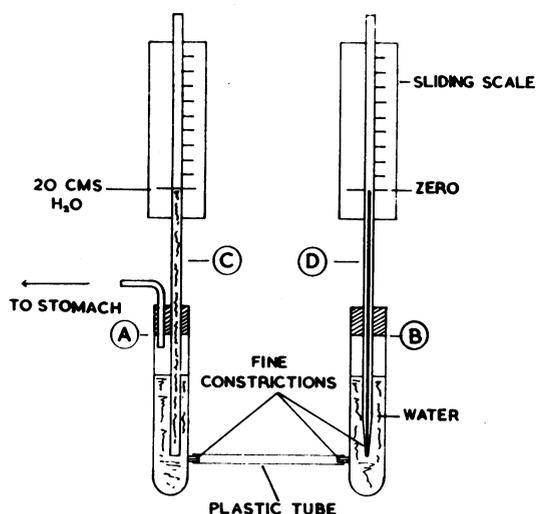
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The apparatus is easily made in any hospital laboratory from two 6 in. × 1 in. test-tubes and various pieces of glass and plastic tubing.

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