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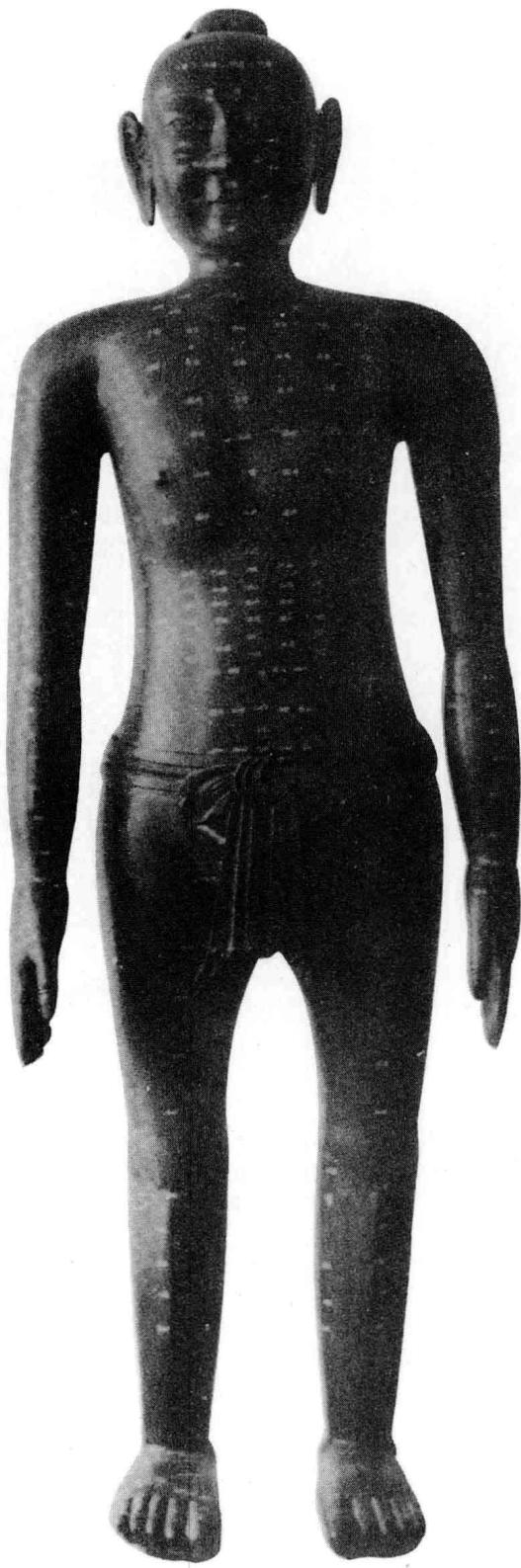
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Huangdi Neijing (*Canon of Medicine*), compiled in 500-300 B.C., is the earliest extant medical book in China in which acupuncture is described.



Lingshu, also known as *Canon of Acupuncture*, is a part of *Huangdi Neijing*. It contains the earliest records of using nine different acupuncture instruments, the “Nine Needles”

于鋒鍼尖如挺其鋒微圓長四十此九鍼之長短也。

九鍼圖。

鋒鍼

平子寸長一十六分頭太末紙背半度
圓利鍼者用此冷之名備西針是也。

圓鍼

其身圓鋒如卵形長一
六分指摩分肉用此。

錐鍼

其鋒如黍米之粒長三
五分脉氣虛少用此。

鋒鍼

大者用此今之所謂三棱針是也。
共刃三隅長一寸六分發痼疾刺

鉤鍼

一治鉗針末如鉤頭長一寸半此
四十破癰膿出體今名鉤針是也。

圓利鍼

尖如鑿且圓且利其末徑太半
寸六分取秦痔刺小者用此。

毫鍼

法取毫尖如蚊虱毫長三十
六分取痛癥刺寒者用此。

長鍼

鋒如利長七十深居骨解腰背之
腰之間者用此今之名鍼針是也。

火鍼

一名燭針長四十風虛
腫毒解肌排毒用此。



In *Zhenjiu Dacheng* (*Compendium of Acupuncture and Moxibustion*) compiled in 1601, nine kinds of needles and their clinical applications are recorded.

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