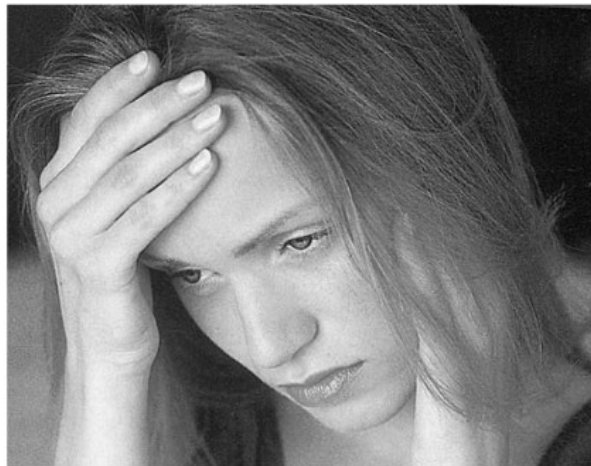


# GIRL GOT EARRINGS STUCK UP HER NOSE

By a correspondent

1 A 14-year-old girl from Cambridge, Rebecca Avis, had to undergo an operation because the two earrings she was wearing as nose studs got stuck in her nostrils. The earrings, which looked like studs, were fixed by magnetic backs.



they also failed to remove the studs, so a short operation was carried out. After the operation Rebecca's mother Joanne Avis criticized her daughter for wasting hospital time. Joanne said: "I'm just angry as other operations may have

been cancelled because of her".

2 Rebecca got into difficulties when she put one earring on each nostril to make it look as if she had a pierced nose. When she took them away, the backs inside her nostrils shot together because of the magnetic force and disappeared up her nose.

3 First she went to the doctor but he couldn't do anything and then she was sent to a hospital in Cambridge. There

4 Joanne, who runs a beauty salon that pierces ears, but not noses said: "It's all Rebecca's fault because there is a clear warning on the label". The £ 3.50 earrings, with a flower design, were bought from a shop in Cambridge. They are imported from the United States and carry a warning saying 'for use in ears only'.