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I use them.

I have 2 remaining pair. I got them free for a long time, and the reason why is prime fodder for those who complain of excesses in the medical world.

After surgeries, they are discarded instead of re-used. Yes, they can be cleaned and re-used, they're stainless steel afterall. But they don't do that. Because some bean counter calculated that the danger of improperly cleaning and sterilizing would result in litigation much greater than just continually opening new ones out of sealed packages from the supplier in the operating room.

So the discarded ones go in a pile to be sent in for scrap. My mother worked in a hospital, knew we used them, and well, brought many pairs home for free. I have 2 pair left. She retired. So when I lose these I'm outta luck.